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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 42 OF 2022

**TO: DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL
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GRADE 12 SENIOR CERTIFICATE / NSC JUNE LEARNERS
TEACHER UNIONS / ORGANISATIONS
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

DATE: 07 OCTOBER 2022

**2023 REGISTRATION OF LEARNERS
SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) AND NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC)
MAY/JUNE EXAMINATIONS**

1. BACKGROUND

The last Senior Certificate Examination based on the policy document, A Resume of Instructional Programmes in schools (Report 550), which allowed learners and adults with incomplete Senior Certificate credits, and adult learners of 21 years and older, was conducted in June 2018.

Based on the need for a qualification for adults that is equivalent to the current National Senior Certificate (NSC), the Minister of Basic Education approved the revision of the current Senior Certificate qualification such that it can be offered by learners who will have no alternative route to follow, post June 2014. The amended Senior Certificate retains its qualification structure but will utilize the National Curriculum Statement (NSC) subjects to support the qualification.



This implies that the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) subjects will be offered as part of the amended Senior Certificate that will be written in May/ June 2023.

All Senior Certificate subjects that were passed prior to June 2017, at Higher Grade and Standard Grade levels, excluding Lower Grade conversions, will be recognized.

2. WHO QUALIFIES TO WRITE THE SENIOR CERTIFICATE?

The following learners will qualify for admission to the Senior Certificate:

- A. Adult learners who are 21 years and older who have:
 - i. General Education and Training Certificate (GETC); or
 - ii. A Grade 9 school report (or the old standard seven), stating that they have passed Grade 9 or Standard 7; or
 - iii. A recognized equivalent qualification obtained at NQF Level 1 which requires two official languages.
- B. Adult learners who are 21 years and older with an incomplete National Senior Certificate qualification.
- C. Adult learners who are 21 years and older with an incomplete National Senior Certificate and whose School Based Assessment (SBA) validity has expired.
- D. Only in exceptional cases, out of school youth, who are 18 — 21-year-old and who could not complete their school education due to circumstances beyond their control, as verified and approved by the Head of Department in the Provincial Education Department.

3. SUBJECTS TO BE OFFERED

The subjects listed in **Annexure A**, which are part of the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement of the National Senior Certificate, will be offered as part of the amended Senior Certificate.



Each candidate must offer six subjects in order to qualify for the amended Senior Certificate. Adults who have approved Senior Certificate subject credits, but do not comply with the required six subjects package, must select the remaining required subjects from the list of 14 adapted National Senior Certificate subjects:
(Annexure A)

The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements for the subjects listed in **Annexure A** are available on the Department of Education's website www.education.gov.za under CAPS, FET Phase on the Home Page.

4. SUBJECTS TO BE RECOGNIZED

Senior Certificate subject credits that were passed prior to June 2014, at Higher Grade and Standard Grade levels, excluding Lower Grade conversions, will be recognized, with the exception of Business English N3, Second Language, and / or Sake Afrikaans N3, Second Language, no N3 subjects will be recognized. In the case of learners, who have attempted the National Senior Certificate Examination, but were unable to complete all the subject requirements, and have exhausted the three-year validity period allowed for the School Based Assessment (SBA), such candidates will have all their previous credits recognized.

5. EXAMINATIONS

- Candidates who qualify to write the amended Senior Certificate Examinations will write the examination in May/June 2023. Candidates writing the Senior Certificate will be exempted from School Based Assessment, and this implies that the examination in the subject will constitute 100% of the final mark.
- Examinations will be administered at designated examination centres determined by the District Education Office.
- The examination may also be offered by the independent assessment bodies accredited by Umalusi.



6. REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023 SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

- Adults who qualify to write the 2023 Senior Certificate Examination must register for the examination **not later than 08 February 2023**. Candidates may register at any District Education office or Circuit Office.
- The Registration form that needs to be completed by candidates is attached as **ANNEXURE A**.

7. PREPARATION FOR THE 2023 SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

- Candidates who intend to write the 2023 Senior Certificate Examination must commence with preparation for the examination immediately.
- Candidates may obtain the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) for the relevant subject from DBE website or the nearest District Education Office. Exemplar question papers based on CAPS are available on the DBE website: www.education.gov.za / examinations.

8. CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY AS PER THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE NSC MAY/JUNE 2023 EXAMINATION:

- a. Candidates can only register for subjects which they were registered for in the November examination.
- b. Candidates who were absent with a valid reason (medically unfit, death in the immediate family or other reasons) from one or more external question papers, may register for the NSC May/June examination.
- c. Candidates who want to improve their achievement status, or only want to improve the achievement of a subject, may register for the NSC May/June examination.



- d. In the case where a candidate was absent for one or more papers in the November exam with a valid reason, the candidate has to write all the papers of the registered subject(s) s/he missed.
- e. In case where an irregularity is being investigated, provisional enrolment for NSC Ma/June examination may be granted to the affected candidate, pending the outcome of the investigation.
- f. Candidates who were unable to write or complete one or more of the NSC November examination question papers for reasons other than illness or death in the family, may apply to write the May/June NSC examination, provided that a written report is submitted by the principal of the school to the Head of the assessment body.
- g. All reasons for absenteeism, proper documentation must be submitted together with the attached registration form to ensure entry to the NSC May/June examination.
- h. **The registration form is attached as Annexure B.** Applications can be done at the District examination offices.
- i. The closing date is **on 08 February 2023.**

9. PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2023 MAY/JUNE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

- a. Learners who intend to write the 2023 May/June National Senior Certificate Examination must commence with preparation for the examination immediately.
- b. Learners may obtain the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) for the relevant subject from DBE website or the nearest District Education Office. Exemplar question papers based on CAPS are available on the DBE website: www.education.gov.za / examinations.



10. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT (POPIA)- Act No.4 of 2013

- a. The consent forms for the Department, Tertiary Institutions and Media houses to utilize learner's personal information is also attached to this Assessment Instruction.
- b. The learners/ parents are expected to go through the attached one page document and indicate by ticking the relevant box and sign if they grant / do not grant for the personal information to be used by the Department of Basic Education or any other institution/person for legitimate purposes.

11. The completed registration form, supporting documents and signed POPIA forms must be submitted to the nearest District examination office by no later than 08 February 2023.

12. CONCLUSION

The Heads of Institutions are to ensure that this information is given to the relevant stakeholders and is disseminated to the communities. All education stakeholders are urged to advocate the contents of this Assessment Instruction as widely as possible.

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