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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 9 OF 2025

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EXTENSION OF THE VALIDTY PERIOD OF THE 2021 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION GUIDELINES

1. The process of strengthening of the curriculum has not been concluded and it is considered appropriate to await the finalisation of that process, before making amendments to the Examination Guidelines. There are no changes to the CAPS for 2025. Therefore, the Examination Guidelines that were introduced in 2021 remain valid and must be implemented in 2025 in all schools offering the Grade 12 National Senior Certificate. This is in line with Circular S15 of 2024 which states that the 2023/ 2024 Annual Teaching Plans and the Revised School Based and Examinations will be retained in the 2025 academic year.
2. **The 2021 Examination Guidelines are available on the DBEs website.**
3. It must be noted that the subjects that have specific topics and content areas that are being taught and assessed over a three-year cycle, the 2022 topics and content areas will be taught and assessed for the 2025 academic year.
4. The heads of educational Institutions should ensure that the content of this Assessment Instruction is distributed to all Grade 12 teachers, learners, subject advisors and other relevant stakeholders.

5. Enquiries relating to this Assessment instruction should be directed to Mrs PE Japhtha at Penelope.Japhtha@ecdoe.gov.za

6. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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24/01/2025

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