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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 48 OF 2025

TO: DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL
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DATE: 10 SEPTEMBER 2025

REWRITE OF LIFE ORIENTATION COMMON ASSESSMENT TASK: GRADE 12 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) 2025

1. The Life Orientation (LO) Common Assessment Task (CAT) was written on 01 September 2025 from 09:00 to 11:30.
2. The Department of Basic Education (DBE) will provide a rewrite opportunity for LO CAT because of any one of the following reasons:
 - (a) **Illness or injury**: - in the case of illness or injury a medical certificate must be provided.
 - (b) **Circumstances other than illness that are beyond the control of the candidate**: an affidavit detailing the circumstances must be provided by the candidate and this must be accompanied by a report by the School Principal, recommending the rewrite.
 - (c) **Incidents experienced by the school, the district or the province which includes protest actions or any other occurrence that would have prevented groups of learners from writing the Life Orientation CAT**. In such cases, a full report from the Provincial Head of Examinations is required.

3. In terms of the Regulations pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of the NSC examinations, if a candidate is unable to write or complete one or more of the National Senior Certificate examination question papers for reasons other than illness or injury, the Principal of the school must submit a written report in which the circumstances are explained to the Head of the Assessment body, who will then decide whether or not the candidate will be allowed to sit for the back-up paper. In each case the candidate is required to provide documentary evidence.
4. Candidates who did not write the LO CAT, without a valid reason must not be permitted to rewrite.
5. The rewrite opportunity should not be used for candidates that performed poorly in the first writing of the Life Orientation CAT.
6. The rewrite for the LO CAT is scheduled for **14 October 2025** from 09:00 to 11:30. The administration of the LO CAT will follow the standards set out in the Regulations pertaining to the *Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate Examination*.
7. Please note that the marking guidelines for the CAT rewrite will be forwarded by the PED to District Subject Advisors and schools that are affected.
8. All other instructions relating to the rewriting of LO CAT must be adhered to.
9. The Head of examinations must ensure that the contents of this Assessment Instruction is communicated to all affected schools.



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15/09/2025

DATE