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**ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION NO 59 OF 2025**

**TO: DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL  
CHIEF DIRECTORS  
HEAD OFFICE DIRECTORS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS  
CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALISTS  
CIRCUIT MANAGERS  
DEPUTY CHIEF/SENIOR EDUCATION SPECIALISTS  
PRINCIPALS OF ALL PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS  
TEACHER UNIONS/ORGANISATIONS  
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

**DATE: 12 NOVEMBER 2025**

**ADDITIONAL SUBJECT OR SUBJECTS FOR THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

1. ***Regulations Pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate examination, published as Government Regulation Notice No R872 in Government Regulation Gazette No 31337 of 29 August 2008*** and as amended in Chapter 3 Regulation 7(2) allow candidate to register for an additional subject or subjects for the National Senior Certificate. This addition is allowed subject to the following conditions:
  - a) The candidate has obtained written permission from the Head of the assessment body or his or her representative.
  - b) **The candidate has offered and passed the additional subject in Grades 10 and 11.**
  - c) The candidate has satisfied the School-Based Assessment, Practical Assessment Tasks and Language Oral Assessment requirements with regard to the specific subject.
  - d) If the additional subject that the candidate wishes to offer is not presented at the school of registration, the candidate must obtain approval from the principal of the school of registration, as well as permission from the principal of the school where the additional subject is offered, to register for that subject at such school.

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- a) The school offering the additional subject must forward the School-Based Assessment, Practical Assessment Tasks and Language Oral Assessment marks to the school of registration, prior to commencement of the final written examination.
  - b) The school where the learner is registered must capture all School-Based Assessment, Practical Assessment Tasks and Language Oral Assessment marks of the learner, and the relevant forms on which these marks are captured must be signed by the principal to confirm the correctness thereof.
  - c) The candidate must sit for the final examination at the centre of registration or, where this is not possible, obtain special permission from the Head of the assessment body or his or her representative to sit for the examination at another centre.

**2. The following aspects need to be noted when considering learners who register for additional subject or subjects for the National Senior Certificate:**

- (i) **Additional subject or subjects must be introduced in Grade 10** and the request must be forwarded to the district examination office on or before 31 January 2026.
  - (ii) The request to register additional subject or subjects should be the decision of the parent/guardian and the implicated learner; this must not be a blanket approach by the school to a particular class.
  - (iii) If the candidate decides to drop an additional subject or subjects, a formal request must be forwarded to the Provincial Education Department.
- 3.** You are kindly requested to bring the contents of this Assessment Instruction to the attention of all District officials, Principals and Teachers of both public and independent schools

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT  
AND DELIVERY  
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