



**CHIEF DIRECTORATE: EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT**

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**ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 60 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: 20 NOVEMBER 2025**

**NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE  
CHANGE OF A SUBJECT**

1. The National Senior Certificate Examination is administered and conducted in terms of the Regulations pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate Examination.
2. The Regulation states that, in exceptional cases, a learner may change one additional subject in Grade 11, after the release of his/her Grade 11 end-of-year results. This must be done before **15 December of the Grade 11 year**. This means that no subject change will be done by schools for Grade 12 learners in the 2026 academic year.
3. Approval for changing a subject in Grade 12 must be obtained from the Head of the Assessment Body, or his or her representative, provided the following are furnished:



- A letter of motivation from the learner's parent or guardian.
  - A letter from the principal either supporting or providing reasons for not supporting the change; and
  - A letter from the subject teacher, outlining the programme to be followed to assist the learner in covering those aspects of the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements for the previous grade that were not covered.
4. Subject changes should not be imposed on learners by schools, for example, the subject change to fit the school curriculum stream and the improvement of the matric pass rate.
  5. All District Heads of Examination should ensure that the contents of this Assessment Instruction is brought to the attention of all district officials, principals and teachers of Schools with Grade 10 and 11 learners, parents and relevant stakeholders.
  6. Principals are requested to submit the requests with the required documents mentioned in paragraph 3 on or before **15 December 2025** to the District Examination Offices.
  7. All District Offices must complete the attached template provided (Annexure A) and submit to the Provincial Office, Examination and Assessment Chief Directorate on or before **21 December 2025**.
  8. Departmental officials, principals of schools and all stakeholders are requested to communicate this information for the benefit of all learners who qualify.

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**DIRECTOR GENERAL CURRICULUM AND DELIVERY**  
**MR R TYWAKADI**

24/11/2025

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**DATE**



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**Template for Subject Changes – 2026 Grade 12 – To be utilised by school when submitting at District Examination Office**

No.	Candidates' Names (Alphabetically)	Identity Number	Subject dropped (Subject must be written in full)	New Subject (Subject must be written in full)	Reason for change	Documents Required  (Only 1 Subject change allowed in Grade 12)	Principals' letter	Parent /Guardian	Catch -Up Plan from teacher	School Schedule