



## EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT CHIEF DIRECTORATE

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### ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 04 OF 2026

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 JANUARY 2026

### DECLARATION OF RELATIVES AND SIGNING OF CONFIDENTIALITY: 2026

#### 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. *In line with Regulations pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate examinations (NSC), published as Government Regulation Notice No. R872 in Government Regulation Gazette No. 31337 of 29 August 2008 and as amended as Regulation Notice No. 371 in Government Gazette No. 37651 dated 16 May 2014; the security and confidentiality agreement relating to examination matters must be signed by all officials involved in managing and administering the examination process.*
- 1.2. Employees who are involved in the National Senior Certificate examination, and who have immediate relatives in Grade 12 must disclose such information within 18 months before the commencement of the end of the year National Senior Certificate examinations.

#### 2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1. The Assessment body must take every responsible step to ensure the security and confidentiality of:
  - (i) Examination question papers
  - (ii) Examination answer book



- (iii) Examination answer script
- (iv) Marks sheets
- (v) IT system and other assessment documents
- (vi) SBA Marks

2.2. Effective security and confidentiality measures should be in place in the following areas of the examination process: -

- a) The setting and moderation of the examination question papers.
- b) The printing of the examination question papers.
- c) The storage of the final printed examination question papers as well as the printed backup examination question papers.
- d) Persons entering or exiting the restricted administrative areas.
- e) Examination question papers handed over by the Assessment bodies.
- f) Distribution of examination question papers and the transfer of answers
- g) Books/scripts to and from examination centres.
- h) Examination answer scripts of candidates under investigation and
- i) The maintenance of the IT system.
- j) Management and processing of SBA marks

3. The Office of the Chief Director, Office of the Director, Section Heads, District Heads of Examinations, Principals of Secondary schools are requested to ensure that all employees in their offices/sections adhere to the policy as stated above.
4. All officials are obliged to fill in the Confidentiality and Declaration Form even if there is/are no close relative/s writing examinations, as on the attached sample. The forms should be submitted with the list of officials in the office/section to ensure that all officials comply.
5. The above mentioned forms, together with ID copies, should be submitted to the District Examination offices and for Head Office officials to the Chief Directorate: Examinations-Policy Implementation Unit on or before **13 February 2026**.
6. Co-operation by all officials is always anticipated and appreciated.

1/1 (A) DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT  
MS C XUNDU BULA

23/01/2026  
DATE





A certified copy of your ID and the relative/close friend's ID shall be attached to this form

**CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
AND OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN EXAMINATION ACTIVITIES**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ declare that:  
(Full Names. PLEASE PRINT)

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(Identity Number)

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(Persal Number)

- I fully understand that I am employed by the Eastern Cape Education Department and more particularly in the Examinations Section of the Department and that I fully understand the need for confidentiality in all matters associated with:
  - the distribution and storage of examination material.
  - the security of examination matters.
  - details of planned monitoring of centres.
  - all results obtained by the candidates.
- I therefore undertake never to breach this confidentiality in any way whatsoever.
- I undertake to immediately report to the Department through the Head: Eastern Cape Examinations any breach or attempted breach of examination security that I become aware of. I undertake to share with the Department any concerns I have of possible future breaches of examination security.
- I fully understand and accept that should I, without authority, make available to any person confidential information regarding examinations.  
or should I, whether by intent or negligence, allow confidential examination information to be made available to any unauthorised person  
or omit to report any breach or attempted breach of examination security, I shall be liable to disciplinary action by the Department. If I am found guilty of misconduct, the serious nature of this misconduct might cause my discharge, and any other penalties imposed legally on me by the Education Department. I fully understand the requirements and accept them unconditionally.

<b>SIGNATURE</b>		
<b>DESIGNATION</b>		
<b>DATE</b>		
<b>WITNESS 1</b>	<b>NAME</b>	
	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	
	<b>DATE</b>	
<b>WITNESS 2</b>	<b>NAME</b>	
	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	
	<b>DATE</b>	