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**ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 14 OF 2026**

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**DATE: 17 FEBRUARY 2026**

**GRADE 12 DIAGNOSTIC REPORTS ON LEARNER PERFORMANCE: 2025 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) EXAMINATIONS**

1. The 2025 Diagnostic Report on learner performance has been developed in selected high enrolment subjects, Home Languages and Technology subjects.
2. The Diagnostic Report provides teachers, subject advisors, curriculum planners and social partners with insight into learners' performance in the last examination, with clear recommendations for improvement in performance in each of these subjects. In all subjects, common errors, misinterpretations, and misconceptions identified during marking is described and suggestions for improvement are also outlined.
3. The Diagnostic report is presented in three books:
  - Book 1: Content Subjects
  - Book 2: Languages
  - Book 3: Technology Subjects

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4. The 2025 Diagnostic Report on learner performance is available on the Department of Basic Education's website.
5. Enquiries relating to the 2025 Diagnostic Report on learner performance should be directed to Mrs PE Japhta on email: [Penelope.Japhta@ecdoe.gov.za](mailto:Penelope.Japhta@ecdoe.gov.za).
6. 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.
7. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Yours in Quality Education**



**MR TJZ MTSHIDA**  
**DDG: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY**

19 February 2026

**DATE**

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*This will help for focussed intervention by curriculum and relevant stakeholders*

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MR EM MABONA**

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MR TJZ MTYIDA**

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