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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION NO 37 OF 2026

TO: **DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL**
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PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS WITH GRADE 12 OFFERING ART SUBJECTS
TEACHER UNIONS/ ORGANISATIONS
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

DATE: **23 AUGUST 2026**

GRADE 12 PRACTICAL EXAMINATION MODERATION FOR SCHOOLS OFFERING ARTS SUBJECTS: DANCE STUDIES, DESIGN, DRAMATIC ARTS, MUSIC AND VISUAL ARTS

1. This Assessment Instruction No 37 of 2026 refers to final Grade 12 Practical Examination Moderation for schools offering Arts Subjects.
2. The National Protocol on Assessment requires that Grade 12 final practical examinations must be moderated externally.
3. All districts where Arts Subjects are present need to monitor and verify the readiness of final practical examinations.
4. Districts and School Management need to ensure that all relevant teachers and learners are informed of the date and time for moderation contained in this Curriculum Instruction.
5. **There will be no change of date** from what is stipulated in this instruction.
6. When a learner is absent from moderation or evidence of learners' work is not available, teachers, moderators, principals and district officials need to follow the policy as stipulated in the National Protocol of Assessment Grades R – 12 as follows:

6.1 In the case of illness or any other circumstances beyond the control of the learner, medical certificates, affidavits or acceptable proof are to be provided by the candidate and countersigned by the Principal of the school of attendance before submission to the provincial education department.

6.2 Where the authenticity of a candidate's claim is in doubt, the Principal of the school of attendance is to advise the Head of Department in writing and then investigate the matter further.

6.3 A learner who, due to illness or any other circumstances beyond the control of the learner, is unable to write the end-of-year final examination, will be exempted from the examination. A mark based on the School-Based Assessment and Practical Assessment mark obtained by the learner prior to his or her illness will be calculated and awarded to the learner affected.

6.4 Learners who absent themselves from the end-of-year final examinations or scheduled School-Based Assessment tasks, or Practical Assessment Tasks, for no valid reason, must not be permitted to write the final end-of-year examination.

7. The following annexures contain the dates and times of moderation:

- Annexure A: Dance Studies
- Annexure B: Design
- Annexure C1: Dramatic Arts
- Annexure C2: Dramatic Arts
- Annexure D1: Music
- Annexure D2: Music
- Annexure D3: Music
- Annexure D4: Music
- Annexure E1: Visual Arts
- Annexure E2: Visual Arts

8. **Responsibilities of the teacher**
    - To ensure that the final practical examination is conducted prior to the final practical moderation.
    - To prepare and have available the required documentation as per CAPS, e.g.:
        - Mark sheet (SASMS printout and final examination mark sheet);
        - Rubric(s) and assessment tools that were used for the final examination;
    - Moderation reports from the SBA Guideline:
        - Evidence of internal moderation.
    - To prepare the performance/exhibition space and adhere to all formal examination requirements of the NSC.
    - To ensure that three copies of the final mark sheet are available at the moderation session.
    - To ensure that all teacher and learner evidence is available, e.g. Dramatic Arts Journal

- To ensure that candidates are at the examination moderation venue 1 hour prior to the start of the session.

9 Responsibilities of the HOD/ Subject Head

- To ensure that the internal moderation of the practical examination has taken place.
- To ensure examination conditions are adhered to.
- To ensure that all Mark Sheets and documentation have been verified, moderated and signed by the relevant stakeholders.
- To ensure that the school stamp and logbook are available on the day of moderation.
- To ensure that all marks transferred to the computerized mark sheet correspond to the marks on the final moderated mark sheet, signed by the provincial moderator, before it is submitted to the district.

10. Responsibilities of the Subject Advisor/ District official:

- To ensure that schools have received all information pertaining to the examination and moderation.
- To ensure that sample moderation has taken place within the district.
- To be available on the day of moderation.
- To ensure that all schools receive this instruction timeously

11. Responsibilities of the Provincial Practical Examination Moderator

- On arrival at schools, complete the school's visitors' book/logbook or journal.
- To moderate the final practical examination.
- To moderate the marks allocated by the teacher and complete the mark sheet with moderated marks and sign the marksheet.
- **Computerized Marksheets must NOT be completed or signed by provincial moderators**.
- Two original mark sheets must be left with the school.
- Claims must be forwarded to Assessment and Examinations for payment of all the moderators that have submitted all the required documents as listed in this instruction.

This office trusts that all teachers and relevant district personnel will ensure that the above requirements, dates, and times are adhered to, to ensure valid, reliable, and authentic practical examination marks for the Arts Subjects.

For further information, don't hesitate to get in touch with Ms Koti @nomtandazo.koti@ecdoe.gov.za

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ANNEXURE A – DANCE STUDIES

Subject: Dance Studies Provincial Practical Examination Itinerary 2026 Moderators: MACAULLEY & BOTHA								
	District	**School**	**No. of learners**	**Date**	**Day**	**Time (starting – ending)**	**Venue**	**Moderators**
1.	Joe Gqabi	Lady Grey Arts Academy	35	8 October	THURSDAY	8:00 -17:00	Lady Grey Dance Studio	

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ANNEXURE B - DESIGN

DESIGN PRACTICAL - MODERATION ITINERARY 2026

DISTRICT	SCHOOL	LEARNERS	DATE	DAY	TIME	SCHOOL
Nelson Mandela Bay	Moderate Pearson High	19	27/10/2026	TUES	09:00	**Pearson High School**
Nelson Mandela Bay	Moderate Hill College Moderate Victoria Park	4 19	28/10/2026	WED	09:00 11:00	**Hill College** **Victoria Park High**
Nelson Mandela Bay	Moderate Linkside High	25	29/10/2026	THUR	09:00	**Linkside High School**
Sarah Baartman	Jbay Academy	12	30/10/2026	FRID	09:00	**Jbay Academy**
Sara Baartman	Johan Cainus Art Centre	8 Textile 12 Ceramic	02/11/2026	MON	09:00	**Johan Carinus Art Centre**
Buffalo City	Moderate Gonubie High	12	04/11/2026	WED	09:00	**Gonubie High School**
Joe Gqabi	Moderate Lady Grey AA in E.L.	10	05/11/2026	THUR	09:00	**Lady Grey Arts Art Academy**

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ANNEXURE C1- DRAMATIC ARTS

NO	DISTRICT	SCHOOL	NO. OF LEARNERS	DATE	DAY	TIME (STARTING – ENDING)	VENUE
1.	NMB	Collegiate GHS	14	06/10/26	Tuesday	14:00 – 17:00	Collegiate GHS
2.	NMB	HS Framesby	3	07/10/26	Wednesday	08:00 – 09:00	HS Framesby
3.	NMB	Brylin ILC HS	6	07/10/26	Wednesday	09:30 – 10:30	Brylin ILC HS
4.	NMB	Pearson HS	3	07/10/26	Wednesday	11:00 – 12:00	Pearson HS
5.	NMB	Victoria Park High	10	07/10/26	Wednesday	12:30 – 14:00	Victoria Park High
6.	NMB	Grey HS	9	07/10/26	Wednesday	14:30 – 15:30	Grey HS
7.	NMB	Alexander Road HS	14	08/10/26	Thursday	08:00 – 10:00	Alexander Road HS
8	Sarah Baartman	J-Bay Academy	8	08/10/26	Thursday	12:00 – 13:00	J-Bay Academy
9.	Sarah Baartman	GLA (Jeffreysbay)	4	08/10/26	Thursday	13:00 – 14:00	GLA (Jeffreysbay)
10.	Sarah Baartman	McLachlan HS	16	09/10/26	Friday	08:00 – 10:00	McLachlan HS
11.	Sarah Baartman	Paul Sauer HS	11	09/10/26	Friday	12:00 – 14:00	Paul Sauer HS

ANNEXURE C2 – DRAMATIC ARTS

No	District	School	No. of learners	Date	Day	Time (starting – ending)
1.	Joe Gqabi	Khorong SSS	152	17/09/26	Thursday	08:00 – 17:00
			152	18/09/26	Friday	08:00 – 17:00
			152	19/09/26	Saturday	08:00 – 17:00
2.	OR Tambo Coastal	Cibeni SSS	144	01/10/26	Thursday	08:00 – 17:00
			144	02/10/26	Friday	08:00 – 17:00
			144	03/10/26	Saturday	08:00 – 17:00
3.	BCM	Cambridge HS	17	06/10/26	Tuesday	08:00 – 10:00
4.	BCM	Clarendon GHS	5	06/10/26	Tuesday	10:30 – 11:30
5.	BCM	Ooskus Gimnasium	13	06/10/26	Tuesday	12:00 – 14:00
6.	BCM	Stirling HS	16	06/10/26	Tuesday	14:30 – 16:00
7.	BCM	Hudson Park HS	22	07/10/26	Wednesday	08:00 – 11:00
8.	BCM	Gonubie HS	23	07/10/26	Wednesday	13:00 – 16:00
9.	Amathole East	Willowvale SSS	17	08/10/26	Thursday	08:00 – 10:00
10.	OR Tambo Inland	Khanyisa HS	16	08/10/26	Thursday	11:30 – 16:00

No	District	School	No. of learners	Date	Day	Time (starting – ending)
11.	Alfred Nzo East	Nongeke SSS	69	09/10/26	Friday	08:00 – 19:00
12.	Alfred Nzo East	Ntabezulu SSS	31	10/10/26	Saturday	08:00 – 12:00
13.	Alfred Nzo East	Vukayibambe SSS	36	10/10/26	Saturday	14:00 – 17:00
14.	Joe Gqabi	Ugie HS	10	11/10/26	Monday	08:00-10:00
15.	Joe Gqabi	Lady Grey Arts Academy	22	11/10/26	Monday	14:00 – 17:00

ANNEXURE D1 - MUSIC

No.	District	School	No. of learners	Date	Day	Time (starting – ending)	Venue
1.	BCM	STIRLING HIGH	13	5/10	Mon.	08:00 – 18:00	Stirling High
2.	BCM	OOS-KUS GIM	2	6/10	Tue.	08:00 – 10:00	OOS-KUS Gymnasium
3.	BCM	CAMBRIDGE HIGH	9	6/10	Tue.	10:30 – 18:00	Cambridge High
4.	BCM	HUDSON HIGH	13	7/10	Wed.	08:00 – 18:00	Hudson High
5.	BCM	CLARENDON GIRLS HIGH	6	8/10	Thurs.	07:00 – 12:30	Clarendon Girls High
6.	BCM	SELBORNE COLLEGE	3	8/10	Thurs.	13:00 – 17:00	Selborne College

7.	BCM	UVIWE HIGH	13	9/10	Fr.	08:00 – 13:00	Uviwe High
8.	JOE GQABI	LADY GREY ARTS ACADEMY	3	12/10	Mon.	08:30 – 12:30	Lady Grey Academy
9.	NMB	PEARSON HIGH	11	14/10	Wed.	08:00 – 17:00	Pearson High

ANNEXURE – D2 MUSIC

	District	School	No. of learners	Date	Day	Time (starting – ending)	Venue
1	NMB	Grey High School	10	11/09/26	Friday	11:00-17:00	Grey High School
2	NMB	Victoria Park	4	14/09/26	Monday	9:00-11:30	Victoria Park
3	NMB	Collegiate Girls High School	4	15/09/26	Tuesday	8:30-11:00	Collegiate
4	NMB	DF Malherbe	5	15/09/26	Tuesday	11:30-15:30	DF Malherbe
5	NMB	Victoria Park	8	16/09/26	Wednesday	9:00-15:00	Victoria Park
6	NMB	Alexander Road	8	17/09/26	Thursday	8:30-14:30	Alexander Road
7	NMB	Cowan High School	8	18/09/26	Friday	8:30-14:30	Cowan
8	NMB	Westering High School	10	21/09/26	Monday	8:00-15:30	Westering
9	NMB	Lawson Brown	4	22/09/26	Tuesday	8:00-10:30	Lawson Brown
10	NMB	Framesby High School	2	22/09/26	Tuesday	11:00-12:30	Framesby
11	Sarah Baartman	Graeme College	7	06/10/26	Tuesday	9:30-15:00	Graeme
12	Sarah Baartman	Victoria Girls High School	Ensemble	06/10/26	Tuesday	15:30-16:00	Victoria Girls
13	Sarah Baartman	Victoria Girls High School	14	07/10/26	Wednesda	8:30-16:30	Victoria Girls

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14	Sarah Baartman	Victoria Girls High School	14	08/10/26	Thursday	8:30-16:30	Victoria Girls
15	Sarah Baartman	Union High School	1	09/10/26	Friday	10:00 -10:00	Union High School
16	NMB	Linkside High School	6	12/10/26	Monday	9:00-13:00	Linkside High School
17	NMB	Despatch High School	2	12/10/26	Monday	15:30-16:45	Despatch High School

ANNEXURE D3 - MUSIC

	District	School	No. of learners	Date	Day	Time (starting – ending)	Venue
1	ANW	Mt White SSS	23	21/09/2026	1	8:00 – 18:30	Mt White SSS
2	ANW	Makaula SSS	09	22/09/2026	1	8:00 – 15:00	Makaula SSS
3	ANE	KwaNikwe SSS	15	23/09/2026	1	08:00-17:00	KwaNikwe SSS
4	AE	Ezingcuka SSS	54	06/10/2026	3	08:00-18:30	Ezingcuka SSS
				07/10/2026		08:00-18:30	
				08/10/2026		08:00-18:30	
4	AE	VuliValley SSS	29	09/10/2026	2	8:00-17:00	Vuli Valley SSS
				10/10/2026		8:00-17:00	
5	AE	Willowvale SSS	11	11/10/2026	01	8:00-16:00	Willowvale SSS
6	AE	Colosa SSS	15	12/10/2026	01	8:00 -17:00	Colosa SSS
7	ORTI	Khanyisa HS	07	13/10/2026	01	8:00-16:00	Khanyisa HS

ANNEXURE D4 - MUSIC

	District	School	No. of learners	Date	Day	Time (starting – ending)	Venue
1	ORTC	Vulindlela SSS	107	17/09/2026 18/09/2026 19/09/2026 20/09/2026	4	8:00-18:00	Vulindlela SSS
2	ORTC	Palmerton SSS	24	21/09/2026	01	8:00-18:00	Palmerton SSS
3	ORTC	Jiba SSS	56	07/10/2026 08/10/2026 09/10/2026	03	8:00-18:00	Jiba SSS
		Jiba SSS	55	07/10/2026 08/10/2026 09/10/2026	03	8:00-18:00	Jiba SSS
4	ORTC	Jikindaba SSS	32	10/10/2026 11/10/2026	02	8:00-18:00	Jikindaba SSS
5	ORTC	Botha Sigcau	18	12/10/2026	01	8:00-18:00	Botha Sigcau
		Botha Sigcau	18	12/10/2026	01	8:00-18:00	Botha Sigcau
6	ORTC	Majuba SSS	24	13/10/24	01	08:00 – 18:00	Majuba SSS
		Majuba SSS	24	13/10/2026	01	8:00-18:00	

ANNEXURE E1 – VISUAL ARTS

No. of Schools	District	School	Date	Day	Time	Venue	No. of learners
1	Joe Gqabi	Lady Grey Art Centre	19/10	Monday	8:30 – 12:00	Lady Grey Art Centre	6
2	Chris Hani West	Queenstown Girls High	20/10	Tuesday	8:30 – 12:00	Girls High Art Class	11
3	Chris Hani West	Queens College Boys	20/10	Tuesday	8:30 – 13H30	Girls High Art Class	2
4	Amathole East	Ezingcuka High	21/10	Wednesday	10:00 -14:00	Ezingcuka High Class	54
	Amathole East	Ezingcuka High	22/10	Thursday	10:00 – 14:00	Ezingcuka High Class	
		Belgravia Art Centre	**23/10**		8:30 – 16:30		38
5	Buffalo City	Stirling High	23/10	Friday	8:30 – 13:00	Belgravia Art Centre	
6	Buffalo City	Cambridge	23/10	Friday	13:30 – 16:00	Belgravia Art Centre	
7	Buffalo City	Hudson Park	26/10	Monday	8:30 – 13:00	Belgravia Art Centre	
8	Buffalo City	Selbourne College	26/10	Monday	1:30 – 16:00	Belgravia Art Centre	
9	Buffalo City	Clarendon High	27/10	Tuesday	9:00 – 15:00	Clarendon Art Class	7
10	King Williams Town	Forbes Grant SSS	28/10	Wednesday	8:30 -11:30	Forbes Grant SSS.	12
11	King Williams Town	Kingsridge Girls High	28/10	Wednesday	12:00 - 13:00	KGH Art Class	1

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ANEXURE E2 -VISUAL ARTS

	District	School	Date	Day	Time	Venue	No. of learners
1	NMB	Alexander Road HS	19/10	Monday	08:00	Alexander Road HS	**19**
2	NMB	Victoria Park HS	20/10	Tuesday	08:00	Victoria Park HS	**16**
3	NMB	Lawson Brown HS	20/10	Tuesday	13:00	Lawson Brown HS	**10**
4	NMB	HS Framesby	21/10	Wednesday	08:00	HS Framesby	**17**
5	NMB	Grey HS	21/10	Wednesday	13:00	Grey HS	**9**
6	Sarah Baartman	HS Maclachlan	22/10	Thursday	08:30	HS Maclachlan	**7**
7	Sarah Baartman	Nico Malan	22/10	Thursday	12:30	Nico Malan	**6**
8	Sarah Baartman	GLA	22/10	Thursday	13:00	GLA	14
9	NMB	HS Andrew Rabie	23/10	Friday	08:00	HS Andrew Rabie	**11**
10	NMB	Pearson HS	23/10	Friday	12:00	Pearson High School	**14**
11	NMB	Collegiate HS	24/10	Saturday	09:00	Collegiate HS	**26**
12	NMB	Westering HS	26/10	Monday	08:00	Westering HS	**18**
13	Sarah Baartman	Graeme College	27/10	Tuesday	08:00	Carinus Art Centre	**12**
14	Sarah Baartman	HS PJ Olivier	27/10	Tuesday	08:00	Carinus Art Centre	
15	Sarah Baartman	Victoria Girls HS	27/10	Tuesday	08:00	Carinus Art Centre	
16	Sarah Baartman	Nombulelo HS	27/10	Tuesday	10:00	Settlers Monument	**27**
17	Sarah Baartman	Ntsika HS	27/10	Tuesday	10:00	Settlers Monument	

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