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## GENERAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE 12 OF 2010

#### DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

##### **Call for comment on amendments to the Education Information Policy of 2004**


I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, after consulting with the Council of Education Ministers, hereby publish the amendments to the policy in the Schedule for comment.

All interested persons and organisations are invited to comment on the amendments in writing and to direct their comments to:

The Director-General, Private Bag X895, Pretoria, 0001, for attention: Ms H Herbst, tel. 012 312 5996, email [herbst.h@doe.gov.za](mailto:herbst.h@doe.gov.za), fax 012 312 5983.

Kindly provide the name, address, telephone and fax number and email address of the person or organisation submitting the comments.

The comments should reach the Department within 30 days from publication of the amendments for comment.

  
Angelina Matsie Motshekga, MP  
Minister of Basic Education

Date: 20 November 2009

*Amendments to the Education Information Policy*

## GOVERNMENT NOTICE

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## AMENDMENT OF EDUCATION INFORMATION POLICY

I, Angelina Matsie "Angie" Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers and in terms of section 3(4)(a) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996), as read with section 59 of the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act No. 84 of 1996) amend the Education Information Policy as read with paragraph 62 of the Education Information Policy published in Government Gazette No. 26710 of 27 August 2004, as set out in the schedule.

Where ever it relates to FET and ABET it will be the responsibility of the Minister of Higher Education and Training; and where ever it relates to schools it will be the responsibility of the Minister of Basic Education.

The Director-General of Education would refer to the Director-General of Basic Education and the Director-General of Higher Education and Training whichever is relevant.

Department of Education should be read as Department of Basic Education and Department of Higher Education and Training whichever is relevant.

Angie Motshekga, MP  
Minister of Basic Education  
Date:

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

No. of 2009

## AMENDMENT OF EDUCATION INFORMATION POLICY

I, Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education and Training, after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers and in terms of section 3(4)(a) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996), as read with section 35 of the Adult Basic Education and Training Colleges Act, 2006 (Act No. 16 of 2006) and section 45 of the Further Education and Training Colleges Act 16 of 2006, amend the Education Information Policy as read with paragraph 62 of the Education Information Policy published in Government Gazette No. 26710 of 27 August 2004, as set out in the schedule.

Where ever it relates to FET and ABET it will be the responsibility of the Minister of Higher Education and Training; and where ever it relates to schools it will be the responsibility of the Minister of Basic Education.

The Director-General of Education would refer to the Director-General of Basic Education and the Director-General of Higher Education and Training whichever is relevant.

Department of Education should be read as Department of Basic Education and Department of Higher Education and Training whichever is relevant.

Dr Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, MP  
Minister of Higher Education and Training  
Date:

*Amendments to the Education Information Policy***SCHEDULE**

## Amendment of paragraph 52

1. Paragraph 52 is hereby amended by the addition after subparagraph (xi) of the following:  
"xii **Record keeping.** The minimum standard for the records and types of records to be managed at institutional level."
2. The Policy is hereby amended by the substitution of "education information officer" for "EMIS officer" wherever it occurs.
3. The Policy is hereby amended by the substitution of "Further Education and Training Act, 1998 (Act 98 of 1998)" for "Further Education and Training Colleges Act 16 of 2006" wherever it occurs.

## Amendment of the Policy

4. The Policy is hereby amended by the insertion after paragraph 30 of the following:

**District EMIS officer**

30A Each Provincial EMIS officer will ensure that each District Manager designates a District EMIS officer. In the absence of a district, a Regional EMIS officer will be designated.

The basic functions will include the following:

- i. To co-ordinate and control the release of institutional data to all information users, but in particular the Department of Education, in accordance with established information reporting cycle, but also in response to special information requests.
- ii. To ensure that data released adhere to quality standards as espoused by the published standards and requirements.
- iii. To act as the only departmental official, apart from the head of the district, also known as the information officer in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, with the authority to classify statistics and data of the district as official in accordance with section 14 of the Statistics Act No. 6 of 1999.