
GOVERNMENT NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 27 OF 1996) AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1996) AS AMENDED

AMENDMENT TO POLICY AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers and in terms of *Sections 3(4)(l) and 7 of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996)* and together with *section 6(A) of the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act. No. 84 of 1996)*, hereby give my intention to call for public comment on the amendment to the "National Policy on the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate: A Qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualification Framework (NQF)" as promulgated in Government Gazette, No.30048 as Government Notice, No 564 on July 2007 as set out in Schedules 1 and 2.

- (a) *National Policy on the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate, a Qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) as promulgated in Government Gazette, No.30048 as Government Notice, No. 564 on 6 July 2007.*
- (b) *National Senior Certificate: A Qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), promulgated in Government Gazette No. 27819 as Government Notice, No 744 of 20 July 2005.*

The relevant policy changes are set out in the Schedule. Deletions are in square brackets [] and in bold, while insertions are underlined.

SUBMISSIONS

It would greatly assist the Department of Education if all submissions could be prepared using the specific schedule under the headings of the various Regulations or Policy Paragraphs listed in the draft Regulation and draft policy Schedules. If you do not wish to comment under a particular Regulation or Paragraph, please indicate "No comment".

CLOSING DATE

The closing date for the receipt of comments is set as 21 days after publication of this Notice.

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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

National Policy on the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate, a Qualification at Level 4 on the national Qualifications Framework (NQF), promulgated in *Government Gazette No. 30048* as *Government Notice, No 564* of 6 July 2007 is hereby amended by the following:

Amendment of paragraph 18

1. Paragraph 18 of the Policy is hereby amended by-

- (a) the substitution of the introduction of paragraph 18 for the following paragraph-

“A supplementary examination will be granted under the following conditions to a full-time and repeat candidate:”

- (b) the substitution of subparagraph (1) of paragraph 18 for the following subparagraph-

“(1) If a candidate has not met the minimum promotion and certification_requirements [in the final external examination, as contemplated in *paragraphs 11 and 12*, of the policy document, *The National Senior Certificate: A qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)*], but requires two subjects to obtain a National Senior Certificate, he or she may:

- (a) R[r]egister for a maximum of two subjects for the supplementary examination in the following year.
- (b) Subject to subparagraph (c), [T]he[se] two subjects registered for must be subjects that the candidate sat for in the previous end-of-year examination.

- (c) Register for Life Orientation, which is internally assessed, as one of the two subjects to be registered for the supplementary examination in subregulation (a). The re-assessment of Life Orientation must be completed within the period in which the supplementary examination is conducted.
- (d) A supplementary examination in a maximum of two subjects may only be exercised once by a candidate. A candidate may, however, spread the two subjects allowed over a maximum of two supplementary examinations of one subject each.
- (e) Candidates that repeat one or more subjects must be allowed to combine their subjects based on the current National Senior Certificate requirements to obtain a National Senior Certificate.
- (f) In combining these subjects contemplated in subparagraph (e), the performance in the best seven (7) subjects would be taken into consideration."

- (c) the substitution of subparagraph (8) of paragraph 18 for the following subparagraph-

"(8) A candidate who did not write or complete the end-of year examination [or part thereof due to the reasons stated in paragraph 2(b) and (d), [may be granted permission to write the supplementary examination only in the paper or papers that] with a valid reason, has the opportunity to write the supplementary examination for the specific examination question paper he or she did not write in the end-of-year-examination. However, should the candidate select to write the entire subject, even though he or she has been absent for one or more examination question papers, the candidate should be allowed to exercise this option."

- (d) the addition after subparagraph (9) of the following subparagraph-

"(10) Candidates who have failed the School-Based Assessment and Practical Assessment Task components, may be