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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. 1098

13 NOVEMBER 2015

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 27 OF 1996)

CALL FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM STAKEHOLDER BODIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICY DOCUMENT, NATIONAL POLICY PERTAINING TO THE PROGRAMME AND PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM STATEMENT GRADES R-12 AND THE CONDUCT, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE

1. I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, hereby, in terms of *section 3(4)(l)* of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996), and after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers give my intention to amend the following policy documents:
 - (a) *National Policy pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12*, promulgated as *Government Notice 1115 and 1116* in *Government Gazette No. 36042* of 28 December 2012 (**Schedule 1**); and
 - (b) *National Policy Pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate examination*, promulgated as *Government Notice No. 564* in *Government Gazette No. 330048* of 6 July 2007 (**Schedule 2**).
2. In view of this, I invite stakeholder bodies and members of the public to comment on the relevant policy change as set out in the **Schedules**.

AVAILABILITY OF THE POLICY DOCUMENT

3. The **Schedules** referred in paragraph 2 is available on the Departmental website: www.education.gov.za

SUBMISSIONS

4. It would greatly assist the Department of Basic Education if all submissions could be prepared under the headings of various Regulations listed in the **Schedules**. If you do not wish to comment under a particular regulation, please indicate "No comment".

CLOSING DATE

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

ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSIONS

6. Please send your submission to:

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7. The name, address, telephone number and fax number of the person or organization responsible for submitting comments must be provided.



MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP

MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION

DATE: 26.10.2014

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION 2015

NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 27 OF 1996)

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICY DOCUMENT, *NATIONAL POLICY PERTAINING TO THE PROGRAMME AND PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM STATEMENT GRADES R – 12*

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE

[.....] Words in bold in square brackets indicate omissions from the existing policy.

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SCHEDULE 1

DEFINITIONS

1. In this policy, “policy” means the policy published as *Government Notices No. 1115 and 1116 in Government Gazette No. 36042 of 28 December 2012 as amended as-*

Government Notices 499 and 500 in Government Gazette, No. 36465 dated 17 May 2013;

Government Notice 564 in Government Gazette, No. 37840 dated 18 July 2014;

Government Notices 625 and 626 in Government Gazette, No. 37910 dated 13 August 2014;

Government Notices 236 and 237 in Government Gazette, No. 38590 dated 20 March 2015;

Amendment of Paragraph 5 of the Policy

2. Paragraph 5 is hereby amended by the insertion, after Table 1A of the following Table -

“TABLE 1B: ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES FOR GRADES 1-3”

SUBJECTS	SUBJECT NUMBER		
	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Afrikaans Second Additional Language	<u>13356052</u>	<u>13356062</u>	<u>13356072</u>
English Second Additional Language	<u>13356082</u>	<u>13356092</u>	<u>13356102</u>
IsiNdebele Second Additional Language	<u>13356112</u>	<u>13356122</u>	<u>13356132</u>
IsiXhosa Second Additional Language	<u>13356142</u>	<u>13356152</u>	<u>13356162</u>
IsiZulu Second Additional Language	<u>13356172</u>	<u>13356182</u>	<u>13356192</u>
Sepedi Second Additional Language	<u>13356202</u>	<u>13356212</u>	<u>13356222</u>
Sesotho Second Additional Language	<u>13356232</u>	<u>13356242</u>	<u>13356252</u>
Setswana Second Additional Language	<u>13356262</u>	<u>13356272</u>	<u>13356282</u>
SiSwati Second Additional Language	<u>13356292</u>	<u>13356302</u>	<u>13356312</u>
Tshivenda Second Additional Language	<u>13356322</u>	<u>13356332</u>	<u>13356342</u>
Xitsonga Second Additional Language	<u>13356352</u>	<u>13356362</u>	<u>13356372</u>

Amendment of Paragraph 6 of the Policy

3. Paragraph 6 is hereby amended by-
- (a) the substitution for sub-paragraph 2-
“A learner in Grades 1 – 3 in the Foundation Phase must offer the following **[four (4)]** five (5) subjects listed in Tables 1 - 3.”
 - (b) the substitution of paragraph 2(a) of the following sub-paragraph-
“Three official languages selected from Table 1 and Table 1B as follows:”
 - (c) the substitution of paragraph 2(b) of the following sub-paragraph-
 - (i) “One official language at Home Language level;
 - (ii) One official language at First Additional Language level, provided it is not the same official language offered at subparagraph (i);
 - (iii) One official language offered at Second Additional Language level and provided further that it is not the same official language offered at subparagraphs (i) and (ii);
 - (iv) One of the three official languages subject to paragraph 6A, should be a previously marginalised Indigenous African language.
 - (b) the insertion, after sub-paragraph (2)(bA) of the following sub-paragraph-
“(bB) One official language selected from Table 1B at Second Additional Language level subject to paragraph 6A”

“6A PROVISOS

With regard to African Languages, not more than one language shall be offered from the same language group, namely:

- (a) isiXhosa, isiZulu, SiSwati and isiNdebele; and
- (b) Sepedi, Sesotho and Setswana.”

Amendment of Paragraph 10 of the Policy

5. Paragraph 10 is hereby amended by-
- (a) the substitution for Table 5 of the following Table-;

"TABLE 5: TIME ALLOCATION PER WEEK"

SUBJECT	GRADE R (HOURS)	GRADES 1-2 (HOURS)	GRADE 3 (HOURS)
Home Language	10	7/8	7/8
First Additional Language		2/3	3/4
<u>Second Additional Language</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Mathematics	7	7	7
Life Skills	6	6	7
TOTAL	23	[23] <u>24</u>	[25] <u>26</u>

(b) the substitution for sub-paragraph 2 (2)-

"The instructional time for Grades R **[1 and 2]** is 23 hours **[and 25 hours for Grade 3]"**

(c) the insertion after sub-paragraph 2(2) of-

"(2A) The instructional time for Grades 1 and 2 is 24 hours and 26 hours for Grade 3"

Amendment of Paragraph 12 of the Policy

6. Paragraph 12 is hereby amended by-

(a) the substitution for paragraph 12-

"A learner must offer and complete **[six (6)]** seven (7) subjects for each of Grades 4 – 6 as contemplated in *subparagraphs (1) to (5)* and listed in Tables 6 – 8:"

(b) the substitution for paragraph 12 (1)-

[Two (2)] Three (3) official languages selected from Table 6, provided that one of the **[two]** three official languages is offered on the Home Language level, **[and]** the other official language on at least First Additional Language level, and provided further that-

- (i) one of the three official languages is a previously marginalised Indigenous African language; and that
- (ii) one of the **[two languages]** three (3) languages offered is the language of learning and teaching or the language of literacy in the case of Deaf Learners.

- (c) the insertion, at the end of sub-paragraph (6) of the following-
"except in the case of the compulsory third language."

Amendment of Paragraph 17 of the Policy

8. Paragraph 17 is hereby amended by-

- (a) the substitution for Table 10 of the following Table-;

TABLE 10: TIME ALLOCATION PER WEEK

SUBJECT	HOURS
Home Language	6
First Additional Language	5
<u>Second Additional Language</u>	<u>2</u>
Mathematics	6
Natural Science and Technology	3,5
Social Sciences	3
Life Skills	4
TOTAL	[27,5] <u>29,5</u>

- (b) The substitution of sub-paragraph (2)-
 "(2) the instructional time for Grades 4, 5 and 6 is **[27,5] 29,5** hours. The time allocated to breaks, assemblies and extramural activities is excluded from the time allocation."

Amendment of Paragraph 19 of the Policy

9. Paragraph 19 is hereby amended by-
 "A learner must for each of Grades 7 – 9 offer and complete **[nine (9)] ten (10)** subjects as contemplated in *subparagraphs (1) to (8)* and listed in Tables 11 – 16:
 (a) the substitution of sub-paragraph (1) of the following-
[Two (2)] Three (3) official languages, provided that one of the **[two] three** official languages is offered on the Home Language level, **[and]** the other official language[s] on at least First Additional Language level, and the other at Second Additional Language level, and provided further that-

- (i) one of the three languages is a previously marginalised Indigenous African language; and that
 - (ii) one of the **[two]** three languages offered is the language of learning and teaching or the language of literacy in the case of Deaf Learners.”
- (b) the insertion, at the end of sub-paragraph (9) of the following-
“except in the case of the compulsory third language.”

Amendment of Paragraph 24 of the Policy

11. Paragraph 24 is hereby amended by-

- (a) the substitution for Table 18 of the following Table-;

TABLE 18: TIME ALLOCATION PER WEEK

SUBJECT	HOURS
Home Language	5
First Additional Language	4,5
<u>Second Additional Language</u>	<u>2</u>
Mathematics	4,5
Natural Science	3
Social Sciences	3
Technology	2
Economic and Management Sciences	2
Life Orientation	2
Arts and Culture	2
TOTAL	[27,5] <u>29,5</u>

- (a) the substitution of sub-paragraph (2) of the following-
“(2) the instructional time for Grades 7, 8 and 9 is **[27,5] 29,5** hours. The time allocated to breaks, assemblies and extramural activities is excluded from this time allocation.”
- (b) the substitution of sub-paragraph (3) of the following-
“Schools offering an optional language selected from Table 11 on at least Second Additional Language level as contemplated in *paragraph 19(9)*, or South African Sign Language at Home Language level contemplated in *paragraph 19(9A)* may not use the time allocated for

the languages listed in Table 18 except for the compulsory third language. Optional languages may only be offered if the school can make an arrangement for the allocation of additional time to the allocated **[27,5]** 29,5 hours.”

Amendment of Paragraph 27 of the Policy

12. Paragraph 27 is hereby amended by-
- (a) the substitution of sub-paragraph 2(2)(a) of the following sub-paragraph-
 - “
 - (i) **[Two (2)]** Three (3) official languages, provided that one of the **[two]** three official languages is offered on the Home Language level, **[and]** the other official language[s] on at least First Additional Language level, and the other at Second Additional Language level, and provided further that-
 - (iii) one of the three languages is a previously marginalised Indigenous African language; and that
 - (iv) one of the **[two]** three languages offered is the language of learning and teaching or the language of literacy in the case of Deaf Learners.”

Amendment of Paragraph 36 of the Policy

13. Paragraph 36 is hereby amended by-
- (a) the substitution of sub-paragraph (2) of the following -
 "The contact time for teaching Grades 10, 11 and 12 will be **[27, 5] 29,5** hours per week, excluding the time allocated to breaks, assemblies and extramural activities."
 - (b) the substitution of sub-paragraph (3) of the following-
 "The **[27, 5] 29,5** hours of teaching contact time per week must be used as follows."
 - (c) the substitution of sub-paragraph (3)(a) of the following-
 "(a) Languages: **[9] 11** hours per week, that is, 4,5 hours per week for each of the two languages offered on Home Language Level and First Additional Language level. One of the three languages offered on Second Additional Language level, should be allocated two (2) hours per week."
 - (d) the substitution for Table 12 on sub-paragraph 4 of the following Table-;

**"TABLE 21: TIME ALLOCATION PER WEEK FOR SUBJECTS
OFFERED FOR GRADES 10-12"**

SUBJECT	HOURS
Language 1	4,5
Language 2	4,5
<u>Language 3</u>	<u>2</u>
Mathematics and Mathematical Literacy	4,5
Life Orientation	2,0
<u>Group B</u> subjects (3 x 4hours)	12,0
TOTAL	[27,5] 29.5

- (e) The allocated **[27,5] 29.5** hours per week may be utilised only for the minimum required Grades 10, 11 and 12 subjects as specified above, and may not be used for any additional subjects. Should a learner wish to offer additional subjects, an arrangement for additional time must be made for the offering of the subjects.

Amendment of Paragraph 40 of the Policy

14. Paragraph 40 is hereby amended by-

- (a) the insertion, after sub-paragraph (6) of the following sub-paragraph-
The Incremental Implementation of African Languages will be phased in from January 2016 in Grade 1 and in subsequent years until Grade 12 in 2027.

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION 2015

NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 27 OF 1996)

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE POLICY DOCUMENT, NATIONAL POLICY PERTAINING TO THE CONDUCT, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE

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SCHEDULE 2

DEFINITIONS

1. In this policy "policy" means the policy published as *Government Notice No. 564 in Government Gazette No. 30048 of 6 July 2007 as amended by Government Notices No. R872 in Government Gazette No. 31337 of 29 August 2008, No. 1327 and No. 1328 in Government Gazette, No.31680 of 12 December 2008, Government Notices 1041 and 1042 in Government Gazette, No.32678 of 3 November 2009; Government Notice R371 in Government Gazette No. 37651 of 16 May 2014.*

Amendment of Paragraph 8 of the Policy

1. Paragraph is hereby amended by-
 - (a) the substitution for sub-paragraph (1)(c) of the following sub-paragraph-
"enrol for **[seven]** eight or more National Senior Certificate subjects as stipulated in *paragraph 27 and Annexure C of the policy document, National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12;*"

Amendment of Paragraph 9 of the Policy

- (b) the substitution for sub-paragraph (2) of the following sub-paragraph-
"The Minister of Basic Education approves new subjects to be offered by learners, subject to certain conditions, as part of the **[7-subject]** 8-subject package set out in *Paragraph 8 of the Regulations pertaining to the conduct, administration and management of assessment for the National Senior Certificate.*"

Short Title and Commencement

This policy may be cited as *National Policy Pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate examination* and will come into effect on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*.