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CIRCULAR S3 OF 2018: CLARIFICATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REPEAL OF THE ACCOUNTING PROVISO FOLLOWING CIRCULAR S13 of 2017

1. The Minister gazetted the repeal of the Proviso restricting Accounting to learners offering Mathematics only through Notice No. 1402, Government Gazette No. 41321 of 2017 in accordance with the Requirements of NEPA.

2. Subsequently Circular S13 of 2017 was issued on 24 November 2017 regarding the Repeal of the Proviso.

3. The Circular further stated that repeal of the proviso will only be implemented in Grade 10 in 2018 as policy cannot be implemented retrospectively.

4. The Department has considered the implementation implications, and directs that learners who were disadvantaged by the proviso in Grade 10 in 2017, should be allowed to change the subjects if they so wish in line with the new policy amendments. Such learners would be currently enrolled for Grade 11 in 2018.

5. You are kindly requested to bring the content of this Circular to the attention of all provincial and district officials, principals and teachers of both public and independent schools, and relevant stakeholders.

Yours sincerely

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