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### **CIRCULAR S11 OF 2017: THE SPLITTING OF THE BUSINESS STUDIES EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER FROM ONE PAPER INTO TWO PAPERS FOR GRADES 10-12**

1. The Curriculum and Assessment Policy S for Business Studies stipulates that the examination for the subject should consist of ONE 3 hour paper of 300 marks.
2. The current Business Studies question paper contains nine (9) choice questions. **Section B** contains five questions and learners must choose three questions while **Section C** consists of four questions and learners must choose two.
3. The Council of Education Ministers has approved the splitting of the current Business Studies paper into two papers.
4. The new structure is as follows:

Paper	Content	Duration	Total Marks
Paper 1	Business Environments and Business Operations	2 hours	150
Paper 2	Business Ventures and Business Roles.	2 hours	150

5. The new paper structure will incrementally be implemented as follows:
  - i. 2018: Grade 10
  - ii. 2019: Grade 11; and
  - iii. 2020: Grade 12.
6. The new paper structure is attached as **Annexure A**.
7. 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 writing the National Senior Certificate, and all relevant stakeholders.



**MR/HM MWELI**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**  
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### FORMAT OF EACH PAPER

SECTION	PAPER 1	PAPER 2	MARKS per paper	TIME per paper	COGNITIVE LEVELS
A	<b>Compulsory (Covers BOTH topics) (15 x 2)</b> Different types of short questions using various assessment styles and covering the two topics in each paper, e. g. multiple choice, match columns, choose the correct word, complete statements, etc.		30	20 min	<b>Mostly Level 1</b> (Remembering/recall ) and <b>Level 2</b> (Understanding)
B	<b>Choose any TWO questions (40 x 2) THREE questions will be set.</b>  <b>One question per main topic. The third question will cover both main topics equally.</b>  Applicable action verbs in this section are, for example, explain, discuss, motivate, compare, evaluate, distinguish, critically evaluate, justify, suggest, recommend, etc. Case studies (scenarios) or source-based questions should be included. Answers should be in point form, full sentences or paragraph style as per requirement of each question.		80	70 min	<b>Levels 1 - 6</b> (Remembering/recall , understanding, applying, analysing, evaluating & creating)
C	<b>Choose ONE question. (40 x 1) TWO questions will be set, one per main topic.</b>  Longer, essay type questions of lower, middle and higher cognitive and difficulty levels to assess insight and interpretation of theoretical knowledge in addition to content.		40	30 min	<b>Mostly Levels 3 - 6</b> (Applying, Analysing, Evaluating and Creating)
<b>TOTAL per paper</b>			<b>150</b>	<b>120 min</b>	