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CIRCULAR S11 OF 2015


CIRCULAR S11 OF 2015: INCREASE IN DURATION FOR THE GRADES 10 AND 11 ECONOMICS MID- AND END OF YEAR EXAMINATION

1. The class of 2014 was the first cohort to write the CAPS aligned National Senior Certificate examination. The Economics Examination is structured into two papers, Paper 1 and Paper 2. Each paper is allocated 1½ hours.
2. The 2014 NSC Internal Moderators' reports highlighted the insufficient time allocated to the Economics paper. This was observed through candidates' inability to complete the examination paper within the stipulated time and this was also noted in Grades 10 and 11.
3. The Chief Directorate: National Assessment and Public Examinations requested HEDCOM to approve the increase in the duration of the Grade 12 Economics examination papers. Circular E11 was subsequently issued out to provinces in this regard. However, Circular E11 is only applicable to the National Senior Certificate and the Senior Certificate.

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4. Considering that the National Senior Certificate is a three year qualification, what applies to Grade 12 should also be applicable to Grades 10 and 11. The increase in the duration of Economics examinations is therefore amended as follows:
 - 1½ hours for the Grade 10 mid-year examination;
 - 2 hours for the Grade 10 end-of year examination; and
 - 2 hours for Grade 11 mid-year and end-of year examination.
5. An erratum to paragraph 4.4.2 appearing on page 43 and 44 of the printed Economics CAPS document is attached as an annexure to replace the tables outlining the structure of the mid-year and end of year examinations for Grades 10-11.
6. This Circular should be read in conjunction with the CAPS document and the original errata issued under **Circular S11 of 2013**.
7. The Annexure is also obtainable on the following Departmental website:
<http://www.education.gov.za> under Circulars.

You are kindly requested to bring the contents of **Circular S11 of 2015** to the attention of all provincial and district officials, and principals and teachers of both public and independent schools.


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