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CIRCULAR S13 OF 2021

REPEAL OF ADDITIONAL READING AND PLANNING TIME FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) EXAMINATION

1. Circular S4 of 2021 released the Abridged version of Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) Grade 12 for implementation in January 2021.

2. It was indicated in the Abridged version of the CAPS that IT learners will receive 30 minutes reading and planning time before commencement of the practical examination.

3. The additional 30 minutes planning and reading time as stipulated in Section 4 of CAPs for IT P1 is withdrawn.

4. However, provision will be made in the examination for learners to do planning and this will be factored into the 3-hour examination time. Learners will also receive two blank pages as part of the examination paper to use for planning purposes during the 3-hour examination.

5. In addition, the same provision will be made for Computer Applications Technology (CAT) learners by factoring planning time into the 3-hour examination time and providing two blank pages as part of the examination paper for planning purposes during the 3-hour examination.

6. Details will be provided to PEDs and candidates via the circular for the conduct of practical examinations to be released in due course.

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