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PRESCRIBED LITERATURE TEXTS FOR STUDY IN GRADE 12 FOR ALL OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AT HOME, FIRST AND SECOND ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE LEVELS DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2018 – MAY/JUNE 2019

1. In 2017, the Department on Basic Education (DBE) introduced new set-works as per the Literature catalogue released in 2015. Due to absence of material for all genres and all languages, the DBE, through Circular E39 of 2016 outlined the implementation process to be followed towards completion of a final catalogue in 2017.

2. It was envisaged that the process of screening new literature material will be completed and a completed set of new literature be implemented from 2018 in all official languages. However, despite the various screening processes undertaken, some gaps still persist.

3. In the light of the above, the Department hereby directs the status quo, as outlined in Circular E39 of 2016, be maintained.

4. The Department of Basic Education will not be prescribing new literature texts for 2018 for the National Senior Certificate Examinations in October/November 2018. The status quo will remain. It is envisaged that the final catalogue will be issued in 2018, for implementation in 2019.
5. This arrangement will be applicable to learners writing the NSC in December 2018 and those writing the Senior Certificate in June 2019.

6. Schools are required to continue using the prescribed literature texts as stipulated in Circular E39 of 2016.

7. You are therefore urged to bring the content of this Circular to the attention of the schools under your jurisdiction.

Yours sincerely

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL
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