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CIRCULAR S9 OF 2017: THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRENCH CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT POLICY STATEMENT AT SECOND ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE LEVEL FOR GRADES 4-12

1. On 9 June 2017, the Minister of Basic Education signed the listing of French as a non-official language for the National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12. The approved Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) documents are available for Grades 4-12 as per policy and regulations on the offering of non-official languages at Second Additional Language Level.
2. The listing of French as a Language does not suggest that learners will be compelled to offer the Language. The status as a Second Additional Language will remain as an optional subject and this will not be used for promotion requirements. Schools that choose to offer French as an additional language at SAL should do so outside the normal teaching hours stipulated in CAPS.
3. There are currently schools that are offering the subject as a Second Additional Language and therefore the Minister deemed it necessary to develop the CAPS for French, so as to align with other languages offered at SAL level.
4. The status of French Language as a subject shall remain as that of an optional language in the Intermediate and Senior Phases and the offering thereof in public schools is subject to the approval of the Head of Education of the relevant province.

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5. For the Further Education and Training (Grades 10-12), subject to paragraphs 28(5) and 28(6) of the National Policy pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement, Grades R – 12, a minimum of any three subjects selected from Group B Annexure B, Tables B1-B8 of the aforementioned policy may be offered. Of the minimum three required subjects, a maximum of two additional languages over and above the two official languages contemplated in subparagraph (a) may be offered from both Tables A1 and B4 of the above document.
6. The relevant CAPS documents are available on the following Department of Basic Education website: www.education.gov.za under Resources, Curriculum: CAPS.
7. You are kindly requested to bring the contents of this **Circular** to the attention of all provincial and district officials, principals and teachers of both public and independent schools, and relevant stakeholders.



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DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

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