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CIRCULAR NO. MG 1 OF 2021 DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS ACCESS TO SCHOOLS

1. Following the Phakamisa judgment handed down by the Eastern Cape High Court on undocumented learners and the release of Circular 1 of 2019 by the Department of Basic Education instructing schools to admit all undocumented learners, the Department of Basic Education and the Department of Home Affairs are collaborating to jointly address the challenge of undocumented learners in schools.
2. The collaboration is led by the Deputy Minister of Basic Education, Dr Mhaule, MP and the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Nzuza, MP.
3. All public schools are requested to grant access to officials from the Department of Home Affairs to assist in the verification and documentation of learners.
4. The Department of Home Affairs will also assist in ensuring that all grade 12 learners obtain identity documents before writing the National Certificate Examinations.

All related enquiries in relation to this circular should be directed to the contact details as indicated above.

Yours sincerely

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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