



THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S VISIT TO MARKING CENTRES



The Department of Basic Education is responsible for the administration and conduct of the National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination for all Grade 12 learners in the education system. Public examinations in South Africa are legislated by the Policy and Regulations for the Conduct, Administration and Management of Assessment for the National Senior Certificate.

Since its implementation in 2008, significant progress has been made to standardise examination systems and processes across all Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) to ensure a credible exit examination for all candidates at public and registered independent schools. The Regulations are intended to ensure that the principles of assessment, viz.: validity, reliability and fairness for all candidates are upheld in all processes in the examination cycle.

One such key process is the organisation and marking of candidates' scripts after the writing of the examination. Marking reliability is essential to ensure that markers' application of the nationally agreed marking guidelines is accurate, consistent and fair to all candidates in a high stakes public examination such as the NSC.

The outcomes of this examination are used by candidates to gain entry to higher learning or to access other training or employment opportunities. The NSC outcomes are also used as indicators of teachers' and schools' performance at provincial and national levels, as well as to monitor examination standards over time.

Given the high importance of marking the learners' scripts, the Director-General, Mr HM Mweli began his monitoring of marking centres throughout the country. The main purpose of the visits is to affirm the hard work of the officials and teachers at marking centres and to learn from his engagement so that future marking processes may be strengthened. The Director-General's visit to **KwaZulu-Natal** Province is featured.



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On 08 December 2017, the Director-General for the Department of Basic Education, Mr Hubert Mathanzima Mveli, accompanied by the Head of Education for the KwaZulu-Natal Province, Dr Enoch Nzama continued with his marking centre monitoring programme in Pietermaritzburg and Durban where he met with internal moderators, chief markers, and centre managers. The main objective of these visits was to keep track of marking processes and further encourage the markers to keep up the good work. Mr Mveli's main intention for these visits is to get provinces to work towards uniformity and efficiency across the education sector in the marking process.

More than 2,8 million scripts were expected to be marked in all 29 centres allocated for effective administration and marking processes in the KwaZulu-Natal Province. This province remains one of the largest province in the country with high enrolment of learners especially in Mathematics. In 2017, approximately 10 000 markers were appointed to assist government in achieving quality marking processes.

The Director-General visited several marking centres to encourage markers to maintain a high standard of marking processes to afford learners quality education in South Africa. Mr Mveli visited the following centres; AM Mool-la Spes Nova; Phoenix, Durban High School, Glenwood High, Durban, Northwood High, VN Naik School, Durban, Maritzburg College, Pietermaritzburg Girls and Haythorne High School.

Mr Mveli received a warm welcome and was taken through the marking processes by Internal Moderators, Chief Markers and Centre managers. "It has been a pleasure to have Mr Mveli in our province. His visit will inspire markers to perform their tasks with high level of accuracy. The markers have been working very hard and we believe that the marking outcome will be of high quality this year," said the Acting Chief Director for Examination in the KwaZulu-Natal Province," Mr Ray Penniston.



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RECORD OF THE
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IN KWAZULU-NATAL



The background of the entire page is a close-up, slightly blurred image of a test paper. It features a grid of circles containing letters (A, B, C, D, E) and numbers (47, 48, 49, 50). A yellow pencil is positioned diagonally from the top left, and a red pen is positioned diagonally from the top right. A large, faint red 'X' is drawn across the lower half of the page, over the words 'RESCORE' and 'ROSTER NUMBER'.

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