



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. This week the Director-General's visit to **Western Cape** Province is featured.



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The bulk of the marking consignments has been accomplished in the Western Cape Province since marking processes commenced on 01 December 2017. The province has established more than four marking centres in and around Cape Town to manage marking processes this year. Provincial officials together with marking personnel have been working hand in hand to administer processes around capturing marks to prepare for the National Senior Certificate (NSC) standardisation.

The Director-General for the Department of Basic Education (DBE), Mr Hubert Mathanzima Mweli, officially concluded his marking centre monitoring programme in the Western Cape Province on 12 December 2017 where he met with the Western Cape Head of Department (HOD) for Education. The marking centre monitoring programme is one of the most fundamental programmes conducted by the Director-General within the education sector to strengthen a good working relationship between the DBE and Provincial Education Departments (PEDs), particularly on activities around the National Senior Certificate examinations. Mr Mweli utilised this visit to encourage provincial officials and marking personnel to follow the guidelines of the NSC examination whilst marking learners' scripts. All provinces are expected to complete marking processes on 15 December 2017.

The Deputy Director-General for Curriculum and Examination, Dr Beets indicated that the marking and capturing of the marks are running very well in all centres. "the province is implementing the 21 century marksheet capturing tool which makes marking processes much easier and more convenient, said Dr Beets, adding that, "there has been a huge stride made in terms of marking processes. More than 700 000 scripts were dispatched to the various centres in the province and most scripts have already been processed; thanks to the marking team for their contribution and support."

The Deputy Director-General further added that the marking process as part of the NSC Examination is a very significant undertaking because it helps the sector to reveal learning difficulty in various subjects and further en-

lightens Government to intervene.

Western Cape Province was the last province visited as part of the Director-General's marking centre monitoring programme which commenced from 22 November 2017 and ended on 13 December 2017.



**PHOTOGRAPHIC
RECORD OF THE
DG'S VISIT TO
MARKING CENTRES
IN WESTERN CAPE**

The collage consists of ten photographs arranged in a circular pattern, each with an orange border. The photographs show the DG's visit to marking centres in Western Cape. The images depict the DG interacting with staff, observing marking processes, and addressing groups of people. The background of the collage features faint, large, blue text that reads 'ANSWER' and 'SCORE'.



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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