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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. R. 7339 **1 April 2026**

THE SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1996)

INCLUSION OF INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT BODIES IN THE OFFERING OF THE SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

1. I, Siviwe Gwarube, Minister of Basic Education, hereby, in terms of s*ection 61(c)* and *(d)* of the *South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act. No. 84 of 1996)*, call on all members of the public and stakeholders to comment on the proposed amendment to the following Regulations:

(a) *Regulations Pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate examination*, promulgated as *Government Regulation Notice No. R872* in *Government Gazette No. 31337* of 29 August 2008.
(b) The regulation referred to in paragraph (a) above is set out in the attached Schedule.

2. The summary of the full document shall be made available on the Departmental website: www.education.gov.za under **Curriculum**, **National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12, Related Resources**.

3. The call for comments will open for 30 days from the day of publication in a Government Gazette.

MS S GWARUBE, MP

MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION

SASA SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE CONDUCT, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

DEFINITIONS, OBECTIVES, SCOPE AND APPLICATION

In this Schedule **"the Regulations"** means *The Regulations Pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate examination*, promulgated as *Government Regulation Notice No. R872* in *Government Regulation Gazette No. 31337* of 29 August 2008, as amended -

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE

_____Words underlined indicate new insertions from the existing policy

The following regulation is hereby amended as follows:

Amendment of regulation 7A

Regulation 7A Characteristics of the Senior Certificate Examination

(1) The Senior Certificate examination is the examination conducted by the Department of Basic Education <u>in collaboration with the Provincial Education Departments. The Senior Certificate examination may also be conducted by an accredited assessment body, in accordance with national education policy and regulations as stipulated in the relevant policy and regulation documents</u> for the following learners-

(a) adult learners who are 21 years and older;
(b) out of school youth 18-21 years old who could not complete their school education; and
(c) National Senior Certificate repeat and part-time candidates, who opt to change to the Senior Certificate qualification.
(d) National Senior Certificate candidates who want to complete or improve their results from the preceding October/November National Senior Certificate examination.

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