



ASSESSMENT & EXAMINATIONS

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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 29 OF 2012

**TO: DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL
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PRINCIPALS OF ALL SCHOOLS OFFERING GRADE 12
TEACHER UNIONS / ORGANISATIONS
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

DATE: 12 APRIL 2012

**ACCOMMODATION OF GRADE 12 LEARNERS SEEKING TO WRITE THE
NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) EXAMINATION DUE TO THE
DE-REGISTRATION OF THE EKSAMENRAAD VIR CHRISTELIKE ONDERWYS
(ERCO)**

1. The contents of this Assessment Instruction are as per the National Department of Basic Education (DBE) Circular E5 of 2012 dated, **11 April 2012**.
2. In order to accommodate learners that would have written the examination of the Eksamenraad vir Christelike Onderwys (ERCO) in 2012, the following arrangements have been approved by the Department of Basic Education (DBE):
 - (a) The **closing date for the registration** of these learners has been extended to **30 April 2012**. This will allow learners that have not yet registered to do so before the extended closing date.

- (b) The closing date for the registration of these independent schools as private examination centres is extended to **23 April 2012**. Registration of these independent schools as examination centres must follow the procedure outlined in the *Registrations on the Conduct, Administration and Management of the NSC examinations*. Only after the school is registered as an examination centre will the learners from these schools be registered. These candidates will be registered as full-time candidates.
- (c) To ensure that the learners from home education satisfy the NSC requirements, these learners must register as part-time candidates, at a registered private or public school convenient to the learner, so that the School Based Assessment (SBA) and the examination can be administered by the school. The school will take responsibility for the school-based assessment and the final examinations, and not necessarily the teaching and learning. It is the responsibility of the learner/parent to approach the school and finalise all arrangements with the school.
- (d) The Principal of the school at which the learner is registered will be required to:
- (i) certify that the learner has followed the NSC curriculum and completed the learning outcomes for Grades 10, 11 and 12. The candidate must provide the school with acceptable evidence to confirm this, and this evidence must be available for scrutiny by the Provincial Office.
 - (ii) certify that the learner has complied with all the internal assessment requirements relating to School Based Assessment (SBA), Practical Assessment Tasks (PAT) and Orals, in accordance with prescribed policy.
 - (iii) moderate all the internal assessment completed by the learner.
 - (iv) complete and submit all SBA, Oral and PAT mark sheets, in accordance with the dates stipulated by the PED.

- (e) These learners will be registered as part-time candidates at the designated school and given that these candidates are not part of the school cohort, the results of these candidates will not be included as part of the final results of that school.
 - (f) The districts and schools will ensure that the internal assessment from these learners is subjected to external moderation. The DBE and Provincial Office will monitor the administration of the 2012 NSC examinations for these candidates.
 - (g) All learners registered with the Eastern Cape Department of Education, must comply with all regulations and policy requirements as stipulated by the DBE and Eastern Cape, except in the case of the Literature set works prescribed for English Home and First Additional Language and Afrikaans Home and First Additional Language. A separate question paper will be set in these languages to cover the set works that would have been examined had the learners written the ERCO examination.
3. Districts and schools are kindly requested to communicate this arrangement as a matter of urgency to all education stakeholders who are involved in matters relating to the NSC examinations.
4. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.



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