

The following tables provide the type of qualifications achieved by learners and the subject performance

Table 2: 2012 NSC performance by type of qualification

Province Name	Total Wrote	Achieved with Bachelor	% Achieved with Bachelor	Achieved with Diploma	% Achieved with Diploma	Achieved with Higher Certificate	% Achieved with Higher Certificate	Achieved with NSC	% Achieved with NSC	Total Achieved	% achieved
Eastern Cape	63 989	11 246	17.6	16 148	25.2	11 998	18.8	51	0.1	39 443	61.6
Free State	24 265	6 937	28.6	8 553	35.2	4 181	17.2	5	0.0	19 676	81.1
Gauteng	89 627	32 449	36.2	30 422	33.9	12 335	13.8	8	0.0	75 214	83.9
KwaZulu-Natal	127 253	34 779	27.3	36 841	29.0	21 274	16.7	109	0.1	93 003	73.1
Limpopo	77 360	15 324	19.8	20 103	26.0	16 301	21.1	17	0.0	51 745	66.9
Mpumalanga	47 889	9 495	19.8	14 277	29.8	9 633	20.1	99	0.2	33 504	70.0
North West	27 174	7 445	27.4	9 151	33.7	5 010	18.4	3	0.0	21 609	79.5
Northern Cape	8 925	2 055	23.0	2 787	31.2	1 819	20.4	0	0.0	6 661	74.6
Western Cape	44 670	16 317	36.5	14 599	32.7	6 053	13.6	5	0.0	36 974	82.8
National	511 152	136 047	26.6	152 881	29.9	88 604	17.3	297	0.1	377 829	73.9

Table 3: Candidates' performance in selected subjects, 2011 - 2012

Subjects	2011			2012		
	Total Wrote	Achieved at 30% & above	% Achieved	Total Wrote	Achieved at 30% & above	% Achieved
Accounting	137 903	84 972	61.6	134 978	88 508	65.6
Agricultural Sciences	77 719	55 404	71.3	78 148	57 571	73.7
Business Studies	187 677	147 559	78.6	195 507	151 237	77.4
Economics	133 358	85 411	64.0	134 369	97 842	72.8
Geography	199 248	139 405	70.0	213 735	162 046	75.8
History	85 928	65 239	75.9	94 489	81 265	86.0
Life Sciences	264 819	193 946	73.2	278 412	193 593	69.5
Mathematical Literacy	275 380	236 548	85.9	291 341	254 611	87.4
Mathematics	224 635	104 033	46.3	225 874	121 970	54.0
Physical Sciences	180 585	96 441	53.4	179 194	109 918	61.3

For further assistance:

National	0800 202 933	Western Cape	021 514 6919
Gauteng	011 355 0627	Northern Cape	027 718 8681
North West	018 384 3155	Free State	082 828 7264
KwaZulu-Natal	031 327 0262	Mpumalanga	013 766 5844
Limpopo	015 280 9456	Eastern Cape	082 066 6352

Minister's message



Hearty congratulations to the class of 2012!

The year 2012 was momentous for the candidates that wrote the National Senior Certificate examination. It is significant to note that these learners were born at the time when South Africa entered the new political dispensation, ushering in a democratic and free country. These young people are the building blocks in the

reconfiguration of a new South Africa that will yield a better life for all.

For many of you, the 12 years of schooling bring an end to a chapter in your life and most of you will no doubt continue your studies at various institutions of higher learning, and others will charter new avenues of life experience, be it at a workplace, starting your own business or focussing on your role as a citizen. For those of you who have excelled, the world is your oyster and you are encouraged to go out and realise your dreams. The country needs you. To those who did not perform as expected, do not lose heart – know that

there are many options open to you to improve your results or to choose an alternative career path.

As you leave the schooling system, please be assured that government and its social partners will continue to prioritise job creation and skills development to ensure enhanced economic growth in our country, and thereby create opportunities for young people. The DBE is also working closely with the Department of Higher Education and Training, to ensure the smooth transition of learners from the schooling system into post-school education, and pre-service teacher training.

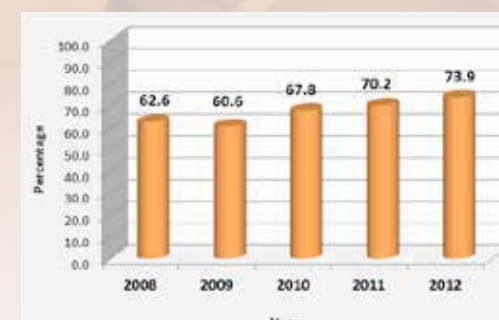
I need to acknowledge and appreciate the sterling support and motivation of parents, guardians, teachers and education officials in this the fifth year of the NSC's implementation. Without you, the ambitious goals and objectives we have set for ourselves for 2014 as a nation cannot be realised. As a nation, we owe it to future generations to ensure the realisation of these goals and objectives – we dare not fail.

Amid the euphoria of celebrating the 2012 matriculation results, remember that the country needs your skills, dedication and energy to remain globally competitive, thereby creating opportunities for economic growth and prosperity for fellow South Africans.

Table 1: Overall performance of candidates in the 2012 NSC examination

Province	2012		
	Total wrote	Total Achieved	% Achieved
Eastern Cape	63 989	39 443	61.6
Free State	24 265	19 676	81.1
Gauteng	89 627	75 214	83.9
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Figure 1: NSC performance, 2008 to 2012



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Read the following information carefully. It will assist you with your future options and choices.

Remember: If you are disappointed with your results, do not panic or think you must deal with it on your own. Seek advice and support from your teachers or Department counsellors. You may also wish to contact **CHILDLINE** on their toll free number - **0800 055 555** - and you will be redirected to the appropriate regional office.

How do I apply for re-marking or re-checking of examination answer scripts?

Candidates may apply for re-marking or re-checking of examination answer scripts immediately after receiving their results.

The closing date for application for a re-mark or re-check is Monday, 21 January 2013. Late applications will be accepted until 28 January 2013.

Application forms for re-marking or re-checking of examination answer scripts are available from schools or centres where the candidates sat for the examination.

The fees of R73 are for re-marking, R14 for re-checking and R153 for viewing of an examination script. Before a script can be viewed you need to have done re-checking and re-marking.

Candidates from no-fee schools and learners whose parents have applied and have been granted a concession on the payment of schools fees are exempted from payment of re-marking and re-checking fees.

What should I do if my examination results are withheld?

Irregularities is one of the reasons for candidates' results being withheld.

When a candidate is informed that the results are withheld, the candidate can do the following:

Contact the Provincial Head Office (Exams Directorate) for an investigation to be done by them. You may work through a district office or your school but the bottom line is that the province must launch an investigation.

How do I register for supplementary examinations?

Candidates who qualify for a supplementary examination can register at the centres where they sat for the examination immediately after receiving their results.

The closing date for application for the supplementary examination is Monday, 21 January 2013.

Who may apply to register for supplementary examinations?

Candidates that have not met the minimum promotion and certification requirements but require a maximum of two subjects to obtain the NSC;

Candidates who could not sit or finish the examination due to medical reasons, a death in the immediate family or other special reasons, provided documentary evidence is submitted;

Candidates who do not satisfy the minimum higher education requirements, or higher education faculty requirements, in such cases, the candidate must be one requirement short in meeting the minimum admission requirements for Higher Certificate, Diploma and Bachelor's degree programmes. Candidates that are one requirement short for a specific occupation also qualify.

Where can I access the NSC supplementary timetable?

If candidates meet the requirements, they should download the supplementary examination timetable at <http://www.education.gov.za> and begin their preparations now.

The Department has also made available the NSC past examination papers and study guides and provinces will be offering support programmes.

What can I do if I do not qualify to write the supplementary examination?

Those who have not succeeded in their examinations and who do not qualify for a supplementary examination must re-enrol at school without delay as long as they meet the age requirement which is under 21.

This will give them a second chance at writing their Grade 12 NSC. With additional effort, they will succeed.

Grade 12 learners who failed and who are over 21 should register as private candidates or enrol at Adult Education Centres. Participation in programmes at these centres is free and is available for young people and adults who have not completed their schooling.

In addition they could explore other options that are vocational. There are 50 Further Education and Training Colleges spread across all provinces of South Africa comprising of over 240 campuses or teaching sites. Public Further Education and Training (FET) colleges offer vocational training courses and qualifications at various levels of study for learners who have a Grade 9 pass/certificate, an NQF level 1 qualification or a Grade 12 certificate.

FET Colleges also offer courses (the NATED or N-Courses) which, combined with practical work, lead to a qualification as an artisan in a wide variety of desperately needed skills.

What do I need to know if I intend to study further?

What are the minimum National Senior Certificate requirements to register for a further qualification?

All qualifications in higher and further education and training are not alike. They make different demands and reflect different intellectual achievements. Therefore, admission to the Higher Certificate, the Diploma and the Bachelor's Degree has different requirements in

terms of the National Senior Certificate as follows:

Higher Certificate

The minimum admission requirement for a Higher Certificate is a National Senior Certificate (NSC) as certified by Umalusi, with a minimum of 30% in the language of learning and teaching of the Higher Education Institution. Particular institutional and programme needs may require particular combinations of recognised NSC subjects and levels of achievement. For example, an institution may determine that a Higher Certificate in Architectural Design requires in addition to the NSC a specified level of attainment in Design and an associated recognised subject.

Diploma

The minimum admission requirement is a National Senior Certificate (NSC) as certified by Umalusi with an achievement rating of 3 (Moderate Achievement 40-49%), or better, in four recognised NSC 20-credit subjects.

Institutional and programme needs may require appropriate combinations of recognised FETC subjects and levels of achievement. For example, a Diploma in Data metrics might require a pass at a prescribed level in Mathematics or Information Technology.

Bachelor's Degree

The minimum admission requirement is a National Senior Certificate (NSC) as certified by Umalusi with an achievement rating of 4 (Adequate Achievement, 50-59%), or better, in four subjects chosen from the designated list of recognised 20-credit NSC subjects.

What can I do if I need a study loan or bursary?

The National Student Financial Student Aid Scheme is government agency set up in terms of National Student Financial Aid Scheme Act of 1999. The main function of NSFAS is to provide loans and bursaries to deserving students who need financial assistance to pay for their studies at public universities and Further Education and Training (FET) Colleges in South Africa. Over R6 billion in loans and bursaries is now available through National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS).

You can apply if you are:

A South African citizen

Enrolled for undergraduate studies including Report 191 programmes

Registered at a public university or FET college

Have a household income less than R122 000 per annum

If your parents are not employed. (You must produce an affidavit from the Police Station to confirm this).

NSFAS does not allocate funds directly to students but here is the plan:

First, apply at the educational institution where you are planning to study. Some institutions will issue you with

an application for study together with an application for financial aid. You need to enquire from the institution about their processes and deadlines for both.

Submit both applications to the institution and if you have any questions contact the Financial Aid Office (FAO) on campus to advise you.

Documents to accompany your application:

A South African Identity Document

Proof of household income (i.e. copies of your parents' salary slips)

An affidavit from the South African Police Services

Copies of your siblings' (those at school or tertiary level) and parents' Identity Documents.

How do I repay the loan?

When you earn more than R30 000 per annum

Constantly inform NSFAS of your contact details e.g. Postal and physical address, employment details, cell number, landline and email address.

For more information contact the NSFAS Call Centre on 021 763 3232, SMS your question to 32261 or email info@nsfas.org.za. Visit www.nsfas.org.za for further information.

How do I apply for a bursary to become a teacher?

The *Funza Lushaka* Bursary Programme is a multi-year programme that promotes teaching in public schools. Full-cost bursaries are available to enable eligible students to complete a full teaching qualification in an area of national priority. Recipients of these bursaries will be required to teach at a public school for the same number of years that they receive the bursary.

The bursary is only awarded to South African citizens and will only be awarded if one of the priority area specialization subjects is included as a teaching subject in the qualifications. Applications must only be made once students have been allocated a valid student number and have been accepted/provisionally accepted at their university of choice. Applications must be made online at www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za. New applications close on 11 January 2013.

Go to the *Funza Lushaka* website for further information at www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za

Make the most of all the opportunities offered to you! Take advantage of all the options our Department has made available and all the practical assistance that the provincial departments are also offering.

