



ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 44 of 2015

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**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMENDED SENIOR CERTIFICATE, A QUALIFICATION
FOR ADULTS AND OUT OF SCHOOL LEARNERS**

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The last Senior Certificate Examination based on the policy document, A Resume of instructional programmes in schools (Report 550), which allowed learners with incomplete Senior Certificate credits, as well as adult learners with incomplete Senior Certificate credits, as well as adult learners of 21 years and older, was conducted in June 2014.
- 1.2 Based on the need for a qualification for adults that are equivalent to the current National Senior Certificate (NSC), the Minister of Basic Education has approved the revision of the current Senior Certificate qualification such that it can be offered by learners who will have no alternative route to follow, post June 2014. The amended Senior Certificate, retains its qualification structure, but will utilize the National Curriculum Statement (NSC) subjects to support the qualification. This implies that the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) subjects will be offered as part of the amended Senior Certificate that will be written in June / July 2016. All Senior Certificate subjects that were passed prior to June 2015, at Higher Grade and Standard Grade levels, excluding Lower Grade conversions, will be recognized.

2. WHO QUALIFIES TO WRITE THE AMENDED SENIOR CERTIFICATE?

The following learners will qualify for admission to the amended Senior Certificate

- a) Adult learners who are 21 years and older who have:
 - i. A General Education and Training Certificate (GETC); or
 - ii. A Grade 9 school report (or the old standard seven), stating that they have passed Grade 9 or Standard 7; or
 - iii. A recognized equivalent qualification obtained at NQF Level 1 which requires two official languages
- b) Adult learners who are 21 years and older with an incomplete National Senior Certificate qualification.
- c) Adult learners who are 21 years and older with an incomplete National Senior Certificate and whose School Based Assessment (SBA) validity has expired.
- d) Only in exceptional cases, out of school youth, who are 18 – 21 year old and who could not complete their school education due to circumstances beyond their control, as verified by the Head of Department in the Provincial Education Department.

3. SUBJECTS TO BE OFFERED

The subjects listed below which are part of the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement of the National Senior Certificate, will be offered as part of the amended Senior Certificate. The subjects will in essence be the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement of the National Senior Certificate, excluding the School – Based Assessment (SBA) component. Each candidate must offer six subjects in order to qualify for the amended Senior Certificate. Adults who have approved Senior Certificate subject credits, but do not comply with the required six subjects package, must select the remaining required subjects from the following list of 14 adapted National Senior Certificate subjects:

TABLE A: OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AT HOME AND FIRST ADDITIONAL LEVEL

SUBJECT	NUMBER
Afrikaans Home Language	13300019
Afrikaans First Additional Language	13310029
English Home Language	13300039
English First Additional Language	13310049
IsiNdebele Home Language	13300059
IsiNdebele First Additional Language	13310069
IsiXhosa Home Language	13300079
IsiXhosa First Additional Language	13310089
IsiZulu Home Language	13300099
IsiZulu First Additional Language	13310109
Sepedi Home Language	13300119
Sepedi First Additional Language	13310129
Sesotho Home Language	13300139
Sesotho First Additional Language	13300149
Setswana Home Language	13300159
Setswana First Additional Language	13310169
SiSwati Home Language	13300179
SiSwati First Additional Language	13310189
Tshivenda Home Language	13300199
Tshivenda First Additional Language	13310209
Xitsonga Home Language	13300219
Xitsonga First Additional Language	13310229

TABLE B1: AGRICULTURE

SUBJECT	NUMBER
Agricultural Science	10320239

TABLE B2: BUSINESS, COMMERCE AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES

SUBJECT	NUMBER
Accounting	12320249
Business Studies	12320259
Economics	12320269

TABLE B3: HUMAN AND SOCIAL STUDIES

SUBJECT	NUMBER
Geography	16320279
History	16320289
Religion Studies	16320299

TABLE B4: PHYSICAL, MATHEMATICAL, COMPUTER AND LIFE SCIENCES

SUBJECT	NUMBER
Computer Applications Technology	19320309
Information Technology	19320319
Life Sciences	19320329
Mathematical Literacy	19320339
Mathematics	19320349
Physical Sciences	19320359

The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements for the above- listed Senior Certificate Subjects are available on the Department of Education's website www.education.gov.za under CAPS, FET Phase on the Home Page.

4. SUBJECTS TO BE RECOGNISED

Senior Certificate subject credits that were passed prior to June 2014, at Higher Grade and Standard Grade levels, excluding Lower Grade conversions, will be recognized.

With the exception of Business English N3, Second Language, and / or Sakeafrikaans N3, Second Language, no N3 subjects will be recognized. In the case of learners, who have attempted the National Senior Certificate Examination, but were unable to complete all the subject requirements, and have exhausted the three year validity period allowed for the School Based Assessment (SBA), such candidates will have all their previous credits recognized.

5. EXAMINATIONS

- Candidates that qualify to write the amended Senior Certificate Examinations will write the examination in June / July 2016. Candidates writing the amended Senior Certificate will be exempt from School Based Assessment, and this implies that the examination in the subject will constitute 100% of the final mark.
- Examinations will be administered at designated examination centres determined by the District Education Department.
- The examination may also be offered by the independent assessment bodies accredited by Umalusi.

6. REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016 SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

Adults who qualify to write the 2016 amended Senior Certificate Examination must register for the examination not later than 30 October 2015. Learners may register at any District Education office or Circuit Office. The Registration form that needs to be completed by candidates is attached (ANNEXURE A).

7. PREPARATION FOR THE 2016 SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

Learners that intend to write the 2016 Senior Certificate Examination must commence with preparation for the examination immediately, given that the curriculum is a programme. Learners may obtain the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) for the relevant subject from DBE website or the nearest Provincial Education Office. The Department of Basic Education (DBE) will also make available an Examination Guideline, which provides a framework on a structure and format of the examination. Exemplar question papers based on CAPS are also available on the DBE website: www.education.gov.za / examinations.

8. ANNEXURE- B is an extract of the amended senior certificate promotion requirements and rules of combination.

9. QUERIES

For any queries or enquiries please contact Mr K N Pandey: 043 604 7710 or e-mail: khada.pandey@edu.ecprov.gov.za

10. CONCLUSION

Principals are to ensure that this information is given to learners and teachers as soon as possible with request that the information be disseminated in the community. All education stakeholders are urged to advocate the contents of this Assessment Instruction as widely as possible.



(A) DDG: INSTITUTIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT
DR A.S. NUKU

07/10/2015
DATE



Sequence no
 Reeks nr

Exam Year
 Eksamenjaar

**SENIOR CERTIFICATE ENTRY FORM (amended)
 SENIOR SERTIFIKAAT INSKRYWINGSVORM (gewysigde)**

INSTRUCTIONS / INSTRUKSIES:

- A certified copy of your **ID document** or birth certificate or passport (foreign candidates) must be attached to this registration form. / 'n Gesertifiseerde afskrif van jou **ID dokument** of geboortesertifikaat of paspoort (buitelandse kandidate) moet aan hierdie registrasievorm geheg word.
- Repeater candidates** must attach a copy of their previous highest qualification/ **Herhalerkandidate** moet 'n afskrif van hulle vorige hoogste kwalifikasie aanheg.

REGISTRATION HISTORY / REGISTRASIEGESKIEDENIS

Have you entered and wrote any other **Grade 12** or equivalent examination before?
 Het u voorheen vir enige ander **Graad 12** of ekwivalente eksamen geregistreer en dit geskryf?

Y – Yes / Ja
 N – No / Nee

If YES, complete the following/ Indien JA, voltooi die volgende:

	Examination number Eksamennommer	Year Jaar	Province Provinsie	Exam Body (IEB, SACAI, etc.) Eksamenraad (IEB, SACAI, ens.)	Type of exam (e.g. SC, NSC, N3) Tipe eksamen (e.g. SS, NSS, N3)
1.					
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6.					
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8.					

CENTRE (SCHOOL) INFORMATION / SENTRUM (SKOOL) INLIGTING

Region/District
 Streek/Distrik

Approved Examination centre name
 Naam van goedgekeurde eksamensentrum

REGISTRATION INFORMATION / REGISTRASIE-INLIGTING

Centre no.
 Sentrumnr.

Exam paper language
 Eksamenvraesteltaal A - Afrikaans
 E - English

Date of birth
 Geboortedatum

Gender
 Geslag M - Male / Manlik
 F - Female / Vroulik

RSA ID number is compulsory / RSA ID nommer is verpligtend
 ID number
 ID-nommer

Immigrant
 Immigrant Y - Yes / Ja
 N - No / Nee

or for immigrants / of vir immigrante
 Passport number
 Paspoortnommer Foreign candidates only
 Alleenlik buitelandse kandidate Study permit number
 Studiepermitnommer

Surname
 Van

First names
 Voorname

Race
 Ras A - Asian / Asiër, B - African / Swart, C - Coloured / Kleurling
 I - Indian / Indiër, W - White / Blank, U - Unspecified / Ongespesifiseerd

Home language
 Huistaal A - Afrikaans, W - Setswana, I - Siswati, E - English, Z - IsiZulu, P - Sepedi
 S - Sesotho, T - Xitsonga, V - Tshivenda, X - IsiXhosa, N - IsiNdebele Certificate lang.
 Sertifikaattaal E - English
 A - Afrikaans

Special needs
 Spesiale behoeftes See SNE codes in Annexure A
 BO kodes in Annexure A

SNE Concession
 SBO Konsessie

HOW DO YOU QUALIFY TO REGISTER FOR SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS? PLEASE MARK WITH "X" AND ATTACH PROOF THEREOF / HOE KWALIFISEER JY VIR DIE SENIOR SERTIFIKAAT EKSAMEN? MERK MET 'N "X" EN HEG STAWENDE DOKUMENTASIE AAN	
1.	Written Grade 12 Senior Certificate (SC) or N3 before / Het voorheen Graad 12 Senior Sertifikaat (SS) of N3 geskryf
2.	Written National Senior Certificate (NSC) before, but SBA expired / Het voorheen die Nasionale Senior Sertifikaat (NSS) geskryf, maar SBA het verval
3.	21 Years or older, and have passed ABET Level 4 (GETC) / 21 Jaar of ouer en het ABET Vlak 4 geslaag
4.	21 Years or older, and have passed at least Grade 9 / 21 Jaar en ouer en het ten minste Graad 9 geslaag
5.	School dropout, 18 – 21 years old, and have obtained approval to register from the Provincial Head of Department in writing / Skoolverlater, 18 – 21 jaar en het skriftelike toestemming van die Provinsiale Departementhoof verkry

SUBJECT CHOICES / VAKKEUSES (Refer to ANNEXURE A for Subject description and alpha code)

Subject alpha code / Vakkode	Subject description / Vakbeskrywing
1	
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Number of subjects entered / Aantal vakke ingeskryf

GENERAL / ALGEMEEN (Candidate information / Kandidaatinligting)

Postal address / Posadres

Postal code / Poskode

Telephone (code & number) / Telefoon (kode & nommer) ()

Cell phone number / Selfoonnommer Alternative Cell no / Alternatiewe Sel nr

Cell no can be used to send exam related SMS to candidate / Sel nr kan gebruik word om eksamen verwante SMS aan kandidaat te stuur

E-mail address / E-pos adres

SIGNED BY / ONDERTEKEN DEUR:

I hereby declare that the information furnished in this form is correct. / Ek verklaar hiermee dat die inligting in hierdie vorm korrek is.

CANDIDATE / KANDIDAAT:

Name in print / Naam in drukskrif _____

Signature / Handtekening _____

Date / Datum _____

CENTRE MANAGER/SENTRUMBESTURDER
or/of PRINCIPAL / HOOF:

Name in print / Naam in drukskrif _____

Signature / Handtekening _____

Date / Datum _____

Centre contact number / Sentrum kontaknommer

Telephone (code & number) / Telefoon (kode & nommer) ()

Verification by: (For office use) / Verifikasie deur: (Vir kantoorgebruik)

Approved/Rejected: _____ Yes/No

Reason for rejection:

I confirm that I have checked the candidate's entry against the supporting documents and the candidate qualifies to be registered as a Grade 12 SC candidate.

Ek bevestig dat ek die kandidaat se inskrywingsvorm teen die stawende dokumente nagegaan het en die kandidaat kwalifiseer om as 'n graad 12 SS-kandidaat geregistreer te word.

Name / Naam: _____ Rank/Position _____
Rang/Posisie

Signature / Handtekening: _____

Date / Datum: _____

INFORMATION

Special Needs Education (SNE) – Learners with special educational needs must attach the necessary documentation confirming their disability.

Special Needs Education (SNE) – Learners should apply for special concession if needed (e.g. large print, extra time, etc.).

Certificate language – currently Umalusi only issue certificates in English.

LOLT = Language of Learning and Teaching.

INLIGTING

Spesiale Behoefte-onderwys (SBO) – Leerders met spesiale onderwysbehoefte moet die nodige dokumentasie aangeheg wat hulle gebrek sal bevestig.

Spesiale Behoefte-onderwys (SBO) – Leerders moet aansoek doen vir spesiale konsessies indien benodig (bv. groot druk, ekstra tyd, ens.)

Sertifikaattaal – Umalusi reik tans net sertifikate in Engels uit.

LOLT = Taal van Onderrig

TEAR OFF SLIP

This serves to confirm that / Hiermee word bevestig dat (*Surname and Full names / Van en Volle name*)

_____ with ID no/met ID nommer

_____ has registered for the 20____ Senior Certificate (SC) Examination at / vir die Senior Sertifikaat (SS) eksamen geregistreer is by (*Centre Name and No/ Sentrum Naam en No:*

Name and signature of registration official: _____

The candidate registered for the following subjects / Die kandidaat het vir die volgende vakke geregistreer:

Subject alpha codes / Alfa vakkodes

- | | | | | | |
|----|----------------------|----|----------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 1. | <input type="text"/> | 5. | <input type="text"/> | 9. | <input type="text"/> |
| 2. | <input type="text"/> | 6. | <input type="text"/> | 10. | <input type="text"/> |
| 3. | <input type="text"/> | 7. | <input type="text"/> | | |
| 4. | <input type="text"/> | 8. | <input type="text"/> | | |

SUBJECT CODES / VAKKODES

ANNEXURE A

TABLE A: OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AT HOME AND FIRST ADDITIONAL LEVEL

SUBJECTS (ENG)	VAKKE (AFR)	NUMBER	ALPHA
Afrikaans Home Language	Afrikaans Huistaal	13300019	AFRHZ
Afrikaans First Additional Language	Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal	13310029	AFRFZ
English Home Language	English Huistaal	13300039	ENGHZ
English First Additional Language	English Eerste Addisionele Taal	13310049	ENGFZ
IsiNdebele Home Language	IsiNdebele Huistaal	13300059	NDBHZ
IsiNdebele First Additional Language	IsiNdebele Eerste Addisionele Taal	13310069	NDBFZ
IsiXhosa Home Language	IsiXhosa Huistaal	13300079	XHOHZ
IsiXhosa First Additional Language	IsiXhosa Eerste Addisionele Taal	13310089	XHOFZ
IsiZulu Home Language	IsiZulu Huistaal	13300099	ZULHZ
IsiZulu First Additional Language	IsiZulu Eerste Addisionele Taal	13310109	ZULFZ
Sepedi Home Language	Sepedi Huistaal	13300119	SEPHZ
Sepedi First Additional Language	Sepedi Eerste Addisionele Taal	13310129	SEPFZ
Sesotho Home Language	Sesotho Huistaal	13300139	SESHZ
Sesotho First Additional Language	Sesotho Eerste Addisionele Taal	13310149	SESFZ
Setswana Home Language	Setswana Huistaal	13300159	SETHZ
Setswana First Additional Language	Setswana Eerste Addisionele Taal	13310169	SETFZ
SiSwati Home Language	SiSwati Huistaal	13300179	SWAHZ
SiSwati First Additional Language	SiSwati Eerste Addisionele Taal	13310189	SWAFZ
Tshivenda Home Language	Tshivenda Huistaal	13300199	TSVHZ
Tshivenda First Additional Language	Tshivenda Eerste Addisionele Taal	13310209	TSVFZ
Xitsonga Home Language	Xitsonga Huistaal	13300219	XITHZ
Xitsonga First Additional Language	Xitsonga Eerste Addisionele Taal	13310229	XITFZ

TABLE B1: AGRICULTURE

SUBJECTS (ENG)	VAKKE (AFR)	NUMBER	ALPHA
Agricultural Sciences	Landbouwetenskappe	10320239	AGRSZ

TABLE B2: BUSINESS, COMMERCE AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES

SUBJECTS (ENG)	VAKKE (AFR)	NUMBER	ALPHA
Accounting	Rekeningkunde	12320249	ACCNZ
Business Studies	Besigheidstudies	12320259	BSTDZ
Economics	Ekonomie	12320269	ECONZ

TABLE B3: HUMAN AND SOCIAL STUDIES

SUBJECTS (ENG)	VAKKE (AFR)	NUMBER	ALPHA
Geography	Geografie	16320279	GEOGZ
History	Geskiedenis	16320289	HISTZ
Religion Studies	Religiestudies	16320299	RLGSZ

TABLE B4: PHYSICAL, MATHEMATICAL, COMPUTER AND LIFE SCIENCES

SUBJECTS (ENG)	VAKKE (AFR)	NUMBER	ALPHA
Computer Applications Technology	Rekenaartoepassingstechnologie	19320309	CATNZ
Information Technology	Inligtingstechnologie	19320319	INFTZ
Life Sciences	Lewenswetenskappe	19320329	LFSCZ
Mathematical Literacy	Wiskundige Geletterdheid	19320339	MLITZ
Mathematics	Wiskunde	19320349	MATHZ
Physical Sciences	Fisiese Wetenskappe	19320359	PHSCZ

SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION (SNE) CODES

CODE	SNE TYPE	DESCRIPTION/EXAMPLES
N	None	No SNE
V	Visual Impairment	Blind; Partially Sighted; Colour Blind
H	Hearing Loss	Deaf (using SASI or not using SASI); Hard of Hearing; Deaf-blindness
P	Physical Impairments	
S	Speech or Communication Impairment	
L	Learning Difficulties	
X	Dyslexia	Spelling and/or grammar difficulties
D	Dyscalculia	Mathematics disorder
B	Behaviour and Psycho-Social Barriers	
A	ASD, AD and ADD	Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD); Anxiety Disorders (AD); Attention Deficit Disorders (ADD)
M	Specific Medical Conditions	Diabetes; Epilepsy; Chronic pain; Back injury
O	Other	Ad Hoc applications

SNE Concession – e.g. extra time; large print; braille; etc. Concessions must be approved

Senior Certificate (amended) - Promotion Requirements and Combinations

1. Promotion Requirements for candidates offering only amended SC subjects and combination of SC(a) and NSC subjects
 - a) Pass at least five of the six SC(a) subjects.
 - b) Pass three subjects at 40% and two at 30%.
 - c) Obtain a sub-minimum of 20% in the sixth subject.
 - d) Pass two languages, one of which must be at HL level at 40% and the FAL or another HL at 30%. No FAL will be offered and can be considered.
 - e) One of the languages should be a LOLT language.
 - f) One subject condonation (max 2%) at 40% or 30% or 20% if the candidate is short of one subject to obtain the qualification. Condonations should be calculated on marks and not on percentages.
 - g) No aggregate requirement for candidates taking all amended SC subjects.
 - h) Language compensation will be applied only to full package candidates.
 - i) No immigrant concession will be granted.

2. Credits that will be recognised
 - a) Senior Certificate HG subject passed prior to June 2015 at 40% (max 400) (exception second language HG at 33.3%, max 300).
 - b) Senior Certificate SG subject passed prior to June 2015, at 33.3% (max 300).
 - c) No LG credits will be recognised, except a SG subject converted to LG when needed to affect a pass and then only one LG will be considered when a 6th failed subject is needed.
 - d) Sakeafrikaans or Business English on First or Second language level passed at 40% (max 300).
 - e) SC(a) subjects offered in June 2015 and thereafter, passed at 30% (max 300).
 - f) NSC subjects passed at 30% (max 300).
 - g) Life Orientation will be excluded from any combinations and calculations.
 - h) All subjects to be converted to a maximum of 400 for combination purposes.
 - i) One failed credit from another qualification can be considered if that is the only subject needed to complete a full package of 6 subjects. To pass, the subminimum of 20% applies.
 - j) A-level language subjects will not be accepted.

3. Principles for Combination
 - a) A candidate may combine any number of previous credits from the SC (a) or SC or NSC or N3 languages.
 - b) Only subjects that have been passed will be utilised for combination purpose. One failed subject will be recognised.
 - c) A candidate must pass 5 subjects.
 - d) Best 6 subjects will be used for combinations. When 2 subjects to be used got the same mark, subjects should be used in this order: SC(a), NSC, SC and then N3.
 - e) If they got the same mark, Mathematics will always be used before Mathematical Literacy.

- f) In the case of converted subjects from HG to SG the real/certified mark will be utilised.
- g) Only HG subjects converted from an F to an E will be accepted. HG subjects converted from a FF or G will not be accepted, except if it used for the sixth subminimum subject.
- h) A converted subject can be condoned when it can lead to a pass.
- i) A candidate must offer a minimum of one SC(a) subject and that SC(a) subject must be passed at 30%.
- j) The subminimum requirement of one subject at 20% will apply to all candidates including those requesting combinations.
- k) All six combination subjects including the one failed subject (where applicable) should be reflected on the Statement of Results as well as the Confirmation Letter. Although the certificate will only reflect the “pass”-subjects as per Umalusi policy.
- l) In the combining of results, the pass as stipulated for that subject in the specific qualification must be satisfied.
- m) Aggregate of 800 will only apply in the case of combination of amended SC with old SC subjects and N3 languages. No aggregate will apply for combination of SC(a) with NSC - use same rules as candidate taking all SC(a) subjects. An immigrant status cannot be transferred from a previous exam sitting.
- n) A candidate can receive only one condonement, either an aggregate condonement or a subject condonement (in this order).
- o) Similar subjects from different qualifications cannot be used in combination of results as per policy, e.g. Biology and Life Sciences; English HL/FAL and Business English; etc.
- p) Only N3 Language subjects from 2001 will be used for combinations.

4. Promotion Requirements for Combinations (Rules)

- a) Present six subjects or more.
- b) Pass at least five of the six subjects.
- c) Pass at least one SC(a) subject at 30%.
- d) The best six subjects including the best two languages (one must be HL or 1st language) will be taken into consideration.
- e) Pass two languages, one must be on the level of Home Language/First Language/A-Language at 40% and the other on the level of First Additional Language/Second Language/B-Language at 33.3%/30% - this includes N3 languages. No A-level languages (foreign) will be considered. A candidate may pass two languages at HL/First language level.
- f) One of the languages should be a LOLT language.
- g) Obtained 40% in Senior Certificate HG subjects and 33.3% in Senior Certificate SG subjects;
- h) Obtained at least 30% in the NSC subjects.
- i) Older subjects with no grade should be considered as HG subjects. All maximum marks should be converted to 400.
- j) Satisfy the aggregate of 800.
- k) Upscale max marks to 400 only in the case of Senior Certificate SG subjects and N3 languages for aggregate purpose only.
- l) The subminimum of 20% will also apply for the 6th subject.
- m) One subject condonation (max 2%) at 40% or 33.3% or 30% or 20% (where applicable according to policy) if the candidate is short of one subject to obtain the qualification or an aggregate condonation on 790 will apply. Condonations should be calculated on marks and not on percentages.