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PRINCIPALS OF ALL SCHOOLS OFFERING GRADE 12
TEACHER UNIONS / ORGANISATIONS
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

DATE: 20 MAY 2011

GRADE 12 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) 2011

AMENDMENTS TO EXAMINATION GUIDELINES:

**MUSIC, CIVIL TECHNOLOGY, DESIGN, COMPUTER APPLICATIONS
TECHNOLOGY AND CONSUMER STUDIES**

1. Circular E 04 of 2011 entitled "Amendments to Examination Guidelines: Music, Civil Technology, Design, Computer Applications Technology and Consumer Studies Grade 12 National Senior Certificate (NSC) 2011" was issued by the Department of Basic Education on 17 May 2011.
2. The Examination Guidelines for all NSC Grade 12 subjects were issued in 2009. In 2010 amendments were made to the Mathematics and Physical Sciences examination guidelines.

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3. These examination guidelines and amendments remain valid till 2014 when the Curriculum and Assessment Policy statement (CAPs) will be implemented in Grade 12.
4. However, for the current year amendments have been made in Music, Civil Technology, Design, Computer Applications Technology and Consumer Studies in response to the specific concerns raised by educators. These amendments will also remain valid for these subjects till 2014.

MUSIC

5. The total marks for the two Music papers have been reverted to those stipulated in the Subject Assessment Guideline document (SAG) of 2008. Paper 1: 125 marks; Paper 2: 33 marks and the mark for the Performance Examination: 142

DESIGN

6. There is a need to specify the criteria for making “the process and the preparation” for LO 1 of the Practical Assessment Task. The attached guideline provides the criteria for making the Practical Assessment Task as well as the Design Practical examination. The amendment to the Design examination guideline is attached as **ANNEXURE A.**

CIVIL TECHNOLOGY

7. The examination guideline 2009 did not stipulate the spread of cognitive levels. The weighting of cognitive levels for the Civil Technology question papers will be as follows:
 - a. Lower order questions: **30%**
 - b. Middle order questions: **50%**
 - c. Higher order questions: **20%**

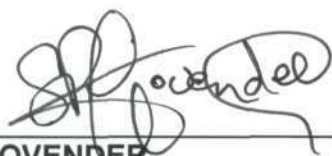


COMPUTER APPLICATION TECHNOLOGY

8. The Learning Programme Guidelines of 2008 refers to 'new technology' in the Content Framework. The examination guideline of 2009 also refers broadly to 'new technology' and stipulates that outdated technology will no longer be examined. It is however, not clear to teachers which new technologies will be examined. There is a need to specify what constitutes new technology which is examinable and outdated technology which will no longer be examined. This detail has been included in the current guideline herein attached as **ANNEXURE B**.

CONSUMER STUDIES

9. Detail has been included in the current Consumer Studies examination guidelines so that the scope and depth of the content to be assessed is clear to teachers and learners. Find attached **ANNEXURE C** which is the detailed Consumer Studies examination guidelines. **It replaces the 2009 examination guidelines for Consumer Studies.**
10. This circular together with the attached Annexures showing the amendments must be distributed to all schools offering Music, Design, Civil Technology, Computer Applications Technology and Consumer Studies in the Grade 12 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination 2011.
11. District Directors and School Principals are to ensure that this information is given to Subject Advisors, learners and the teachers of the above subjects as soon as possible.
12. The co-operation of all stakeholders in this process is appreciated.



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