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### **ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 47 of 2011**

**TO:** DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
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EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS  
DEPUTY CHIEF / SENIOR EDUCATION SPECIALISTS  
PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS  
HEADS OF ABET CENTRES  
TEACHER UNIONS / ORGANISATIONS  
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

**DATE:** 20 SEPTEMBER 2011

### **2012 REGISTRATION OF EXAMINATION CENTRES PUBLIC & INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS AND ABET CENTRES**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This Assessment Instruction serves to inform Principals of schools, both public and independent, Heads of ABET Centres and District offices of the procedures regarding the registration of examination centres for the 2012 National Senior Certificate Examination (NSC) and ABET L4 examinations, Grade 11, Grade 10, and Grade 9 assessments. Please note: This document refers to registration of examination centres and **NOT** to registration of institutions wishing to offer education.
- 1.2 Regulations determine that all public, independent schools and centres offering ABET L4 must be audited in order to ensure that they have the appropriate facilities to serve as an examination centre.
- 1.3 Regulations furthermore stipulate that private providers must apply for registration as examination centres for which the completion of a Service Contract with the Provincial Department of Education is a precondition in order for private providers to qualify for registration as examination centres.

#### **2. LEGISLATIVE POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 2.1. National Policy on the Conduct, Administration and Management of Assessment of the National Certificate: A Qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) as published in the Government Gazette No. 27819, Volume 481, 20 July 2005, as amended.

- 2.2. Regulations pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of assessment for the National Senior Certificate, published in the Government Gazette No. 31337, Volume 518 of 29 August 2008.
- 2.3. Any applicable circular or Assessment Instructions regarding the Conduct, Administration and Management of Assessment of the National Senior certificate.

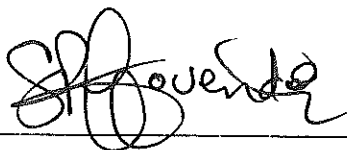
### 3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1 In order to ensure that ALL the examination centres comply with the minimum criteria for registration, the status of ALL the existing examination centres will be reviewed on the system as from **January 2012** and re-activated on the system upon completion of the relevant application forms.
- 3.2 **Public schools** will be registered as per Assessment Instruction 39 of 2010 and need not apply. However, public schools that have introduced an approved Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 class for first time are requested to complete a checklist (Annexure A) and the application form (Annexure C) and to submit both documents on or before 14 October 2011 to the District office Examinations Section. The District will complete the form as required and return to the Directorate Assessment & Examinations by Friday 21 October 2011.  
**It is the responsibility of the District Director to verify compliance with regulations.**
- 3.3 Schools that are applying for a new grade should note that implementation of grades is done incrementally, i.e. one grade per year.
- 3.4 ABET centres offering L4 are requested to complete a checklist (Annexure A) and the application form (Annexure C) and to submit both documents on or before 14 October 2011 to the District office Examinations Section. The District will complete the form as required and return the forms to the Directorate Assessment & Examinations by Friday 21 October 2011.  
**It is the responsibility of the District Director to verify compliance with regulations.**
- 3.5 **All Independent schools** are required to re-register as examination centres every year. Independent schools and part-time centres need to complete a compliance list ( Annexure A) and a service contract (Annexure B) together with application form (Annexure C) and to submit these documents on or before 14 October 2011 to the District office Examinations Section. The District will complete the form as required and return the forms to the Directorate Assessment & Examinations by Friday 21 October 2011.  
**It is the responsibility of the District Director to verify compliance with regulations.**
- 3.6 Only those centres whose application forms have been received on or before the due date will be registered as examination centres.
- 3.7 Independent schools are registered at the address where the inspection takes place. If the centre relocates without informing the District office such centre will be deemed to be deregistered.
- 3.8 A registered examination centre **may under no circumstances** establish a subsidiary or satellite centre.
- 3.9 The maximum number of candidates at an examination centre may not exceed 500 unless approval is granted by the Head of Department.
- 3.10 A centre may only register candidates that are enrolled at that centre as learners. Centres

- 3.11 Centres that are registering as Part-time Centres may only register bona fide repeat candidates for subjects the candidate was resulted for in the previous year(s). If a repeat candidate offers a new subject that will require internal assessment, specific permission to offer this must be obtained from the Directorate Assessment & Examinations. **The registration and management of part-time centres is the responsibility of the District Deputy Education Specialist: Examinations.**
- 3.11 Kindly note that any school or ABET centre that does not register as an examination centre will not be supplied with examination material. Principals are requested to give the matter of registration their urgent attention to avoid being de-registered as an examination centre after 2011.
- 3.12 A list of all approved examination centres for 2012 shall be published on the Eastern Cape Department of Education website.

## CONCLUSION

The registration of an independent or public school or an ABET centre and the issuing of an EMIS number does not give that institution the right to offer public examinations. The institution must register as an examination centre as soon as there are learners offering Grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 and ABET L4 irrespective of the fact that a valid EMIS number was obtained. Principals and District officials are urged to take this registration process seriously and to meet the deadlines in order to avoid having unregistered learners for examinations after December 2011.



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CHIEF DIRECTOR: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT

# Annexure A of Assessment Instruction 47 of 2011



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**EASTERN CAPE**  
EDUCATION

## CHECKLIST TO ENSURE THAT EXAMINATION CENTRES COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS TO CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS AND COMMON TESTS FOR NSC, ABET L4, GRADES 11, 9, 6 & 3

**NOTE: CHECKLIST TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL AND VERIFIED BY AN OFFICIAL DELEGATED BY THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO DO SO.**

Tick in the appropriate box(es) for the examination centre registration applying for:

ABET L 4		GRADE 12 NSC		GRADE 11 NSC		GRADE 10 NSC		GRADE 9 NCS	
NAME OF INSTITUTION				DISTRICT					
NAME OF PRINCIPAL				CONTACT TEL NO					
PHYSICAL LOCATION OF INSTITUTION (Town/Area)				NAME OF EDO					

Kindly complete the checklist by making a cross in the applicable blocks. Please ensure that the necessary documentation, as requested, is attached.

1	Is the centre registered with the Eastern Cape Department of Education (ECDoE) as an institution offering NSC Grades 10 – 12/ ABET L4/Grade 9 NCS?	YES	NO		
	Please provide the EMIS registration number of the institution (District to verify)				
	Additional for Independent Institutions: Is the institution registered with Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi) as a service provider offering the NSC Grades 10 - 12?	YES	NO		
	Please provide the Umalusi registration number of the institution (District to verify)				
2	Does the centre have adequate space to accommodate the number of candidates the centre intends to register?	YES	NO		
	Please indicate the number of candidates the centre will host during the National Senior Certificate (NSC 2012). In the case of full-time learners this must correspond with the institution's 10 <sup>th</sup> school day enrolment, and for part-time and repeaters, please indicate the maximum number that the centre will accommodate.				
		Full Time	Part Time		
	Grade 10				
	Grade 11				
	Grade 12				
	Grade 9				
	ABET L4				
3a	Please indicate whether the school has sufficient and appropriate furniture to accommodate the number of candidate indicated above in an examination environment? (District to verify)	YES	NO		
3b	Where the facilities are shared by full-time and part-time learners during the day or evening, will the furniture be sufficient without disturbing the rest of the learners during the examinations?	YES	NO		
3c	Please indicate whether the centre has the necessary equipment and infrastructure to offer subjects where specialised equipment is needed (e.g. CATN & INFT) (District to verify)	YES	NO		
		OFFERED	EQUIP		
	Please tick the subjects offered at the centre for which equipment is available	CAT		TRTM	
		INFT		CIVIL TECH	
		EGD		DRAM ART	
		DANCE		MECH TECH	
		ELEC TECH		CON STUD	
		MUSIC		HOSP	
		VIS ART			

Please note that if the centre does not have the necessary equipment, then learners may not be accepted for these subjects at this examination centre.

4	Does the centre have adequate facilities to safeguard examination material?	YES	NO
	Indicate		
	Strong Room	YES	NO
	Safe	YES	NO
	Other	YES	NO
	If other, specify		
5	Do the exam rooms that will be utilised have adequate ventilation and lighting?	YES	NO
6	Please check compliance in relation to fire hydrants, access doors, etc. Private institutions must provide a copy of the local health and fire services clearance certificate. Certificates available.	YES	NO
7	Does the centre have adequate toilet facilities available?	YES	NO
8	Is there clean running water in the premises?	YES	NO
9	Is the venue quiet and safe enough to be used as an examination centre?	YES	NO
10	Does the venue qualify to be classified as an education institution in terms of general norms and standards?	YES	NO
11	Are suitably qualified invigilators available for examinations?	YES	NO
12	Are all educators employed at the institution registered with SACE?	YES	NO
13	Proof of SACE certification provided.	YES	NO
14	Has a chief invigilator been appointed for the Examinations?	YES	NO
	Indicate		
	NAME		DESIGNATION
	CONTACT NO DURING SCHOOL HOURS		CONTACT NO AFTER SCHOOL HOURS
15	Does the centre have an examination policies, invigilation guidelines and all relevant examination Assessment Instructions available?	YES	NO

Proposed Venue visited by an Official from:	District Office	YES	NO	Provincial Office	YES	NO
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**District Office**

Details of official who visited Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

The Proposed Examination Centre, detailed overleaf, meets the criteria as outlined above.

Recommended  Not Recommended

NOTE: If not signed by the District Director, a delegation letter to accompany this application.

Signature: District Director \_\_\_\_\_

Surname & Initials (Block Letters) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Official Stamp

**Provincial Office (Directorate: Assessment and Examinations)**

Details of official who visited Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendations \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved  Not Approved

If Approved, Examination Centre Number \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Centre: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Director: Assessment and Examinations \_\_\_\_\_

Surname & Initials (Block Letters) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Official Stamp

**PRO FORMA SERVICE CONTRACT  
ENTERED INTO BY**

**THE EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
AND AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL IN RESPECT OF  
REGISTRATION AS AN EXAMINATION CENTRE FOR  
THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE  
EXAMINATION, ABET L4 EXAMINATION, GRADE 11  
FINAL EXAMINATION AND GRADES 9, 6 & 3 COMMON  
ASSESSMENTS FOR YEAR 2012.**

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This is Only Valid for the year of examination (inclusive of the supplementary examination)

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(NAME OF SCHOOL)

1. The conclusion of this contract confirms that the independent centre has met the following minimum preliminary requirements for registration as an examination centre:
  - 1.1 sufficient space and appropriate furniture for the seating of candidates;
  - 1.2 adequate general security;
  - 1.3 a lock-up facility for the storage of examination material;
  - 1.4 clearance - in terms of the applicable municipal by-laws - from the local fire and health services;
  - 1.5 provision of proper lighting;
  - 1.6 access to sufficient water and acceptable and adequate toilet facilities;
  - 1.7 teaching staff, suitably qualified and in sufficient numbers, to be trained and utilised as invigilators; and
  - 1.8 clear evidence of the ability to meet any and all costs relating to electricity, water, taxes and/or rental for the premises for the duration of the examination.
2. The Head of Department retains the right to re-evaluate the independent centre at any time in respect of any or all of the above-mentioned criteria.
3. The Department of Education retains the right to monitor the conducting of the National Senior Certificate examination and related assessment processes at the independent centre at any time, without prior warning. This includes the appointment of a monitoring invigilator at the assessment centre for the duration of the National Senior Certificate examination and ABET L4 examinations and Grade 11 final examination and Grades 9, 6 & 3 common assessment.
4. The independent centre, in concluding this service contract, commits itself to abide unquestionably by all regulations in respect of the conducting, administration and management of the National Senior Certificate and ABET L4 examinations and Grade 11 final examination and Grades 9, 6 & 3 common assessment and related assessment processes, as well as procedures contained in the applicable national and provincial regulations.
5. Where, in the opinion of the Head of Department, and as a result of a preliminary investigation, developments at the independent centre may adversely affect the interests of candidates or the integrity of the examination or related assessment processes, the Department of Education reserves and retains the right to take control of the conducting, administration and management of the examination centre with immediate effect.
6. Failure to abide by any of the regulations or other reasonable requests in respect of the conducting, administration and management of the National Senior Certificate examination and ABET L4 examinations and Grade 11 final examination and Grades 9, 6 & 3 common assessment and related examination processes, as well as procedures contained in the national or provincial regulations, may result in the deregistration of the independent centre as an examination centre by the Department of Education.
7. All examination centres are required to operate on premises that were approved for this purpose by the Head of Department. Where relocation does occur, the new premises must again be inspected by the relevant provincial education department for evaluation as an examination centre.
8. No examination centre may consider relocation within or less than sixty (60) days before the commencement of the final National Senior Certificate examination and ABET L4 examinations and Grade 11 final examination and Grades 9, 6 & 3 common assessment.
9. Where relocation of an independent centre is unavoidable, due to external factors (e.g. a natural disaster), the following procedure must be strictly adhered to:
  - 9.1 The Head of Department must immediately be informed in, writing, of the enforced relocation.
  - 9.2 Learners and their parent(s) or guardian(s) must be informed.

- 9.3 The independent centre is obliged to ensure the presence of proper notices at the old centre, clearly indicating, *inter alia*, the location of the new venue, the name of a contact person and a telephone number for the contact person.
- 9.4 The relevant provincial education department will ensure the publication of such information in the printed/electronic media.

**10. Procedure to follow when a centre relocates to new premises**

- 10.1 Should any centre relocate to new premises, their registration as an examination centre lapses immediately and they will be forced to seek registration at the new premises from the Department of Education.
- 10.2 In exceptional circumstances, and provided that the centre has an unblemished record as far as irregularities and administration are concerned, the Head of Department may allow the centre to continue to operate for the current final exit examination year only, during which time the centre must apply for, and be granted examination centre status in respect of the new premises. Should such permission be refused, or for any other reason is not granted, the registration of the centre shall lapse forthwith.
- 10.3 Should this process run over the year-end, no new candidates may be registered until a decision has been taken on the registration of the centre.
- 10.4 The onus is on the head of the institution (centre manager/principal) to inform the Head of Department timeously of the intention to relocate.
- 10.5 The Head of Department shall inform the chief invigilator, in writing, of the course to be followed.
- 10.6 If the application for the registration of the centre is unsuccessful, the Head of Department shall inform the head of the institution (centre manager/principal) that the registration of the centre has elapsed.
- 10.7 The Head of the institution shall have the right to respond to the decision and furnish reasons as to why the centre should not be deregistered.
- 10.8 The Head of Department shall consider such representation before making a final decision. This decision must be conveyed, in writing, to the Head of the institution. This decision is final.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:**

Initials & Surname	Capacity	Date
Signature		
Witness I		
Signature		
Witness II		
Signature		

**OWNER(S) OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL:**

Initials & Surname	Capacity	Date
Signature		
Witness I		
Signature		



Witness II \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

MANAGEMENT OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL (IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER(S)):

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Initials & Surname Capacity Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Witness I \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Witness II \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

