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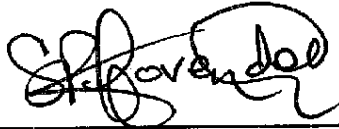
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**NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (NSC)
GRADES 10 – 12
USE OF IDENTITY NUMBERS AND EXAMINATION NUMBERS**

1. The first examination for the National Senior Certificate was conducted in October and November 2008. The computer program used to capture the candidate's data has the candidate's identity document (ID) number as a compulsory field. Unfortunately less than 40% of the 64392 candidates who registered for the 2008 examination in the Eastern Cape were able to provide ID numbers and the result was that a random examination number had to be generated.
2. It is, therefore, of utmost importance that all Grade 10 and 11 learners are in possession of a valid South African bar-coded ID book as the 13 digit ID number will be used for registration purposes in Grades 10 and 11, and also as an examination number in Grade 12. Learners who do not yet have the necessary ID books will be permitted to use the ID numbers on their birth certificates. Learners who have lost their birth certificates can have them re-issued by the Department of Home Affairs at a cost of R10.00 a copy.
3. All Grade 10, 11 and 12 learners who are not in possession of a South African ID book must be instructed to apply for one immediately at the nearest Home Affairs office.
4. Learners who are from foreign countries and who do not have the South African ID books will be able to use their passport or study-permit numbers for registration purposes in Grades 10 11, and Grade 12.

5. Kindly note that the concession to use ID numbers reflected on birth certificates does not apply to part-time or private candidates as their ID books already serve to identify them as legitimate candidates who are allowed entry to an examination venue.

6. Principals are earnestly requested to encourage and assist learners to acquire their ID books, as those without such official identification will not be able to register for examinations, with serious consequences for all concerned.



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