ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 36 OF 2020

TO: DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL
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IMPLEMENTATION OF FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT IN THE GENERAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (GET) BAND

This Assessment Instruction has the reference to National Assessment Circular 03 of 2020:


2. Formative assessment must be integrated into the process of teaching and learning. The collection of evidence generated through both formative and summative tasks should inform the overall progression of a learner into the next grade.

3. This Assessment Instruction provides guidance regarding the implementation of formative assessment during the process of teaching and learning. It also aims to ensure that there is clarity and a shared understanding on the implementation of formative assessment.
4. **Annexure A** lists the key characteristics of formative assessment and provides suitable implementation strategies for the classroom context. The strategies are foregrounded by a set of definitions that will assist in promoting a shared understanding among teachers and officials supporting schools.

5. Building on these strategies, the Department of Basic Education will formulate a national strategy for supporting and training officials and teachers on implementing formative assessment and how to use summative data for formative purposes. This will include the issuing of a more detailed and practical training guide to schools and the training of teachers.

6. All schools are expected to effectively implement formative assessment to support learning.

Your support in ensuring compliance with the contents of this Assessment Instruction will be greatly appreciated.

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