ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 43 OF 2020

TO:  
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DATE:  
11 NOVEMBER 2020

REWRITE OF LIFE ORIENTATION COMMON ASSESSMENT TASK: GRADE 12 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) 2020

CIRCULAR E 27 OF 2020 has reference:

1. The Life Orientation (LO) Common Assessment Task (CAT) was written on 19 October 2020 from 09:00 to 11:00.

2. The Department of Basic Education (DBE) will provide a back-up paper for the rewrite of the LO CAT. The rewrite opportunity will be given to Candidates that could not write the examination due to valid reasons relating to illness, family problems, COVID-19 related reasons i.e. learners in isolation due to being tested positive, learners in quarantine after being in close contact with an individual that is COVID-19 positive, and other special reasons, will be allowed to write the LO CAT. In each case, the candidate is required to provide documentary evidence. This opportunity should not be used for candidates that performed poorly in the first writing of the LO CAT.
3. The rewrite for the LO CAT is scheduled for 20 November 2020 from 14:00 to 16:00. The administration of the paper will follow the standards set out in the Regulations pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate Examination.

4. Please note that the DBE will not organise a Marking Guideline Discussion meeting for the LC rewrite, but will forward the marking guidelines to the Provincial Examination Departments (PED) marking section to manage the marking guideline with district subject advisors and the schools that are affected.

5. The marking of the back-up paper will be school based and the learner evidence should be subjected to the internal moderation within the school. The evidence should further be subjected to external moderation by district subject advisors and the provincial LO coordinator before the marks can be accepted by the examination section.

6. All other instructions regarding the conduct of the LO CAT, as stipulated in Assessment Instruction 39 of 2020 (Circular E17 of 2020) must be adhered to in the conduct of the rewrite examination for the LO CAT.

Yours in education

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DDG – CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY
MR R. TYWAKADY

DATE

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