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### **CIRCULAR S16 OF 2021**

#### **THE WEIGHTINGS OF SCHOOL-BASED ASSESSMENT AND END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION FOR GRADE 10 AND 11 FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 TO 2023.**

1. The purpose of this Circular is to inform stakeholders about the weightings of School-Based Assessment and end-of-year examination for Grade 10 and 11 from the academic year 2021 to 2023.
2. In terms of policy, the National Protocol for Assessment Grades R– 12 stipulates that the School-Based Assessment marks allocated to assessment tasks completed during the school year will be 25% of the total mark, and the end-of-year mark will be 75% of the total mark in Grade 10 and 11.

3. The compounded effect of teaching time loss due to rotational attendance, COVID-19 infections, and the intermittent closure of schools continue to have negative impact teaching, learning and assessment.
4. During the 2020 academic year, the DBE issued Circular S7 which released the revised promotion requirements for Grade 10 and 11 as an interim measure. Paragraph 5 (d) instructed schools to replace full scale examinations with controlled tests in 2020. This stipulation is now repealed.
5. In deviation from Circular S7 of 2020, **full scale examinations are to be administered in Grade 10 and 11 from 2021** in all relevant subjects as per policy. Thus, the dispensation of controlled tests implemented 2020 is no longer applicable.
6. Paragraph 5 (a) of Circular S7 of 2020 made provision for increasing the weighting of School-based Assessment from 25% to 60% and the examination component was decreased from 75% to 40%.
7. This circular S16 of 2021 reiterate that **the weightings implemented in 2020 will be applicable during the three-year recovery period ending in 2023**. Thus, in Grades 10 and 11 the weighting of SBA will constitute 60% and the weighting of end-of-year examination will constitute 40% from 2021 academic year to 2023.
8. You are kindly requested to bring the content of this Circular to the attention of all provincial and district officials, principals and teachers of both public and independent schools, and relevant stakeholders



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