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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 46 OF 2021

TO: DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL
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DATE: 08 OCTOBER 2021

REWRITE OF LIFE ORIENTATION COMMON ASSESSMENT TASK: GRADE 12 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) 2021
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1. The Life Orientation (LO) Common Assessment Task (CAT) was written on 06 September 2021.
2. The Department of Basic Education (DBE) will provide a rewrite opportunity for the LO CAT candidates that were not able to write the first LO CAT due to valid reasons. The valid reasons for absence will include the following:
 - (a) Illness and in the case of illness a medical certificate must be submitted to the school principal
 - (b) Death in the immediate family which must be supported by a death certificate.
 - (c) Any other unforeseen circumstance which must be substantiated by an affidavit and endorsed by the school principal.
3. Candidates who absent themselves without a valid reason must not be allowed to rewrite the LO CAT.
4. The rewrite opportunity must not be used for candidates that performed poorly in the first writing of the LO CAT.

5. The rewrite for the LO CAT is scheduled for **13 October 2021** from **09:00 to 11:30**. 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*.
6. Please note that the DBE will not organise a Marking Standardisation Meeting (MSM) for the LO rewrite but will forward the marking guidelines to the Provincial Examination Department (PED) to manage the marking guideline discussion with the district subject advisors and the schools that are affected.
7. The marking of the back-up paper will be school-based, and the learner evidence should be subjected to 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 captured on the examination computer system.
8. All other instructions regarding the conduct of the LO CAT, as stipulated in Provincial Assessment Instruction 26 (DBE Circular E17 of 2021) must be adhered to in the conduct of the rewrite examination for the LO CAT.
9. The question papers for the Life Orientation CAT will be delivered to districts on Monday, 11 October and deliveries will conclude on Tuesday, 12 October 2021. Districts and schools are requested to make all the required arrangements.
10. District heads of examinations and principals of schools/institutions are strongly encouraged to ensure that the content of this circular is brought to the attention of all relevant stakeholders.
11. Your cooperation regarding the conduct, administration and management of the **Life Orientation (LO) Common Assessment Task (CAT) Rewrite** for 2021 will be highly appreciated.



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