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**ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 40 OF 2023**

**TO:** DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL  
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CIRCUIT MANAGERS  
DEPUTY CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALISTS  
SENIOR EDUCATION SPECIALISTS  
PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (GRADE 12)  
TEACHER UNIONS/ORGANISATIONS  
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

**DATE: 20 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**REWRITE OF LIFE ORIENTATION COMMON ASSESSMENT TASK: GRADE 12  
NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) 2023**

1. The Life Orientation (LO) Common Assessment Task (CAT) was written on 04 September 2023 from 09.00 to 11:30.
2. 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 those candidates who were not able to write the Exam because of the following reasons:
  - (a) **Illness or injury:** in the case of illness or injury a medical certificate must be provided.
  - (b) **Circumstances other than illness that are beyond the control of the candidate:** an affidavit detailing the circumstances must be provided by the candidate and countersigned by the principal of the school concerned. This must be accompanied by a report by the school principal.
  - (c) **Incidents experienced by the school, the district or the province which includes protest actions or any other occurrence that would have prevented groups of learners from writing the Life Orientation CAT.** In such cases, a full report from the Provincial Head of Examinations is required.

3. In terms of the Regulations pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of the NSC examinations, if a candidate is unable to write or complete one or more of the National Senior Certificate examination question papers for reasons other than illness or injury, the Principal of the school must submit a written report in which the circumstances are explained to the Head of the Assessment body, who will then decide whether or not the candidate will be allowed to sit for the back-up paper. In each case, the candidate is required to provide documentary evidence.
4. Candidates who absent themselves without a valid reason from the examination must NOT be permitted to register for the rewrite opportunity.
5. The rewrite opportunity must not be used for candidates that performed poorly in the first writing of the LO CAT.
6. The rewrite for the LO CAT is scheduled for **11 October 2023** 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*.
7. 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.
8. The question papers for the Life Orientation CAT will be delivered to districts on Thursday 5th October and will conclude on Friday 6 October 2023. Districts and schools are requested to make all the required arrangements.
9. District heads of examinations and principals of schools/institutions are strongly encouraged to ensure that the content of this Assessment Instruction is brought to the attention of all relevant stakeholders.
10. Your cooperation regarding the conduct, administration, and management of the **Life Orientation (LO) Common Assessment Task (CAT) Rewrite** for 2023 will be highly appreciated.



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**MR R. TYWAKADI**  
**DDG: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY**

21/09/2023

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**DATE**