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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 15 OF 2024

**TO: DEPUTY DIRECTORS – GENERAL
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SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

DATE: 07 FEBRUARY 2024

CHANGE OF SUBJECTS IN GRADES 10 AND 11

1. This Assessment Instruction must be read with Assessment Instruction 6 of 2024.
2. The National Senior Certificate Examination is administered and conducted in terms of the Regulations pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate Examination.
3. The Regulation states that,
 - 3.1 A learner may change a maximum of two (2) subjects in Grade 10, provided this is done by the end of the second term, subject to the approval of the Principal of the school where the learner is registered. Such change must be done before 30 June of the Grade 10 year.
 - 3.2 A learner may change two (2) subjects in Grade 11, provided this is done before 31 March, subject to the approval of the Principal of the school where the learner is registered.
4. Approval for changing subjects must be obtained from the Head of the Assessment Body, or his or her representative provided the following are furnished:
 - A letter of motivation from the learner's parent or guardian.
 - A letter from the Principal either supporting or providing reasons for not supporting the change; and

- A letter from the subject teacher, outlining the programme to be followed to assist the learner in covering those aspects of the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements for the previous grade that were not covered.
 - Copy of the school schedule.
5. Subject changes should not be imposed on learners by schools for example, subject change to fit the school curriculum stream, improvement of the matric pass rate etc.
 6. All District Heads of Examination should ensure that the contents of this Assessment Instruction are brought to the attention of all district officials, principals and teachers of schools with Grade 10 and 11 learners, parents and relevant stake holders.
 7. Principals are requested to complete the attached template provided as **(Annexure A)** for subject changes and submit it with required documents mentioned in paragraph 4 **on or before 30 June 2024 for Grade 10 and 31 March 2024 for Grade 11** to the District Examinations Offices.
 8. All District Offices must adjudicate these requests and if required documents have been attached, the change may be approved.
 9. Departmental officials, principals of schools and all stakeholders are requested to communicate this information for the benefit of all learners who qualify.



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07 Feb 2024
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