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### ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 27 OF 2025

**TO:** DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL  
CHIEF DIRECTORS  
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CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALISTS  
EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS  
DEPUTY CHIEF / SENIOR EDUCATION SPECIALISTS  
PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS  
TEACHER UNIONS / ORGANISATIONS  
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

**DATE:** 12 MAY 2025

#### GRADE 12 2025 OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EXAMINATION TIMETABLE AND RELEASE OF RESULTS OF THE 2025 OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EXAMINATION

1. At the Council of Education ministers (CEM) meeting held on **Tuesday 8 April 2025**, the 2025 October/November, National Senior Certificate examination timetable and the date for the release of results was approved.
2. **Annexure A is attached as the 2025 October/November Grade 12 timetable.**
3. The 2025 October/November, National Senior Certificate examination will officially commence on **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025** with the writing of Computer Application Technology Paper 1 (Practical's) and conclude on Thursday **27<sup>th</sup> November 2025**, with the rewrite of Computer Applications Technology, Paper 1 (**Practical's**) and **Information Technology, Paper 1 (Practical's)**

4. It needs to be noted that in Week 1, English, **Paper 3** and Afrikaans, **Paper 3** will be written on **Thursday, 23rd October 2025 and Friday, 24th October 2025** respectively. The Paper 3 for the African Languages, namely, isiZulu, isiXhosa, isiNdebele, Sesotho, Setswana, Sepedi, siSwati, Tshivenda and Xitsonga will be written in **Week 2 on Monday, 27th October 2025 and Tuesday, 28th October 2025. Paper 3 in all the Languages comprises, Creative writing. Candidates must be reminded that Paper 3 will be written ,before Paper 1 and Paper 3.**
5. The life Orientation (LO) Common Assessment Task will be written on **Monday 1st September 2025**, with the rewrite (i.e. LO Common Assessment Task) scheduled for **Tuesday 14th October 2025**.
6. The Minister will announce the 2025 October/November examination results on **Monday ,12 January 2026** and the Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) will release the results to candidates on, **Tuesday, 13 January 2026**.
7. District heads of examinations are requested to bring the contents of this Assessment Instruction to the attention of all schools and other relevant stakeholders.
8. Enquiries relating to this Assessment instruction should be directed to Mrs PE Japhta at [Penelope.Japhta@ecdoe.gov.za](mailto:Penelope.Japhta@ecdoe.gov.za)
9. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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21/05/2025  
DATE





**2025 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC)  
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE**

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>
Monday 20/10	<b>NON-EXAMINATION DAY</b>	
Tuesday 21/10	Computer Applications Tech P1 (3hrs) Practical	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu HL P1 (2hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu FAL P1 (2hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu SAL P1 (2hrs) Hebrew SAL P1 (2hrs) German HL, SAL P1 (2hrs)
Wednesday 22/10	Information Technology P1 (3hrs) Practical	Arabic, French, Italian, Mandarin, Modern Greek, Serbian, Spanish SAL P1 (2hrs) Latin SAL P1 (3hrs) Portuguese HL, FAL, SAL P1 (2hrs)
Thursday 23/10	English HL P3 (3hrs) English FAL P3 (2½hrs) English SAL P3 (2½hrs)	Arabic, French, Italian, Mandarin, Modern Greek, Serbian, Spanish SAL P2 (2hrs) Latin SAL P2 (2hrs) Portuguese HL P2 (2½hrs), FAL, SAL P2 (2hr) Equine Studies (3hrs)
Friday 24/10	Afrikaans HL P3 (3hrs) Afrikaans FAL P3 (2½hrs) Afrikaans SAL P3 (2½hrs)	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu HL P2 (2½hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu FAL P2 (2hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu SAL P2 (2hrs) Hebrew SAL P2 (2hrs) German HL P2 (2½hrs), SAL P2 (2hrs)
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>
Monday 27/10	isiZulu, isiXhosa, siSwati, isiNdebele HL P3 (3hrs), FAL P3 (2½hrs), SAL P3 (2½hrs)	Accounting P1 (2hrs)
Tuesday 28/10	Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P3 (3hrs), FAL P3 (2½hrs), SAL P3 (2½hrs) South African Sign Language HL P3 (3hrs)	Civil Technology (3hrs) Sport and Exercise Science (3hrs)
Wednesday 29/10	English HL P1 (2hrs) English FAL P1 (2hrs) English SAL P1 (2hrs)	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu HL P3 (2½hrs) FAL P3 (2½hrs) Portuguese, German HL P3 (2½hrs) Portuguese FAL P3 (2½hrs)
Thursday 30/10	History P1 (3hrs)	Engineering Graphics and Design P1 (3hrs)
Friday 31/10	Mathematics P1 (3hrs) Mathematical Literacy P1 (3hrs) Technical Mathematics P1 (3hrs)	Religion Studies P1 (2hrs)
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>
Monday 03/11	Mathematics P2 (3hrs) Mathematical Literacy P2 (3hrs) Technical Mathematics P2 (3hrs)	Agricultural Sciences P1 (2½hrs)
Tuesday 04/11	isiZulu, isiXhosa, siSwati, isiNdebele HL P1 (2hrs), FAL P1 (2hrs), SAL P1 (2hrs)	Accounting P2 (2hrs) Maritime Economics (3hrs)
Wednesday 05/11	Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P1 (2hrs), FAL P1 (2hrs), SAL P1 (2hrs) South African Sign Language HL P1 (2hrs)	Religion Studies P2 (2hrs) Mechanical Technology (3hrs)
Thursday 06/11	isiZulu, isiXhosa, siSwati, isiNdebele HL P2 (2½hrs), FAL P2 (2½hrs), SAL P2 (1½hrs)	Business Studies P1 (2hrs)
Friday 07/11	Physical Sciences (Physics) P1 (3hrs) Technical Sciences P1 (3hrs)	History P2 (3hrs)

<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>
Monday 10/11	Physical Sciences (Chemistry) P2 (3hrs) Technical Sciences P2 (1½hrs)	Visual Arts P1 (3hrs) Nautical Science P1 (3hrs)
Tuesday 11/11	Afrikaans HL P1 (2hrs) Afrikaans FAL P1 (2hrs) Afrikaans SAL P1 (2hrs)	Business Studies P2 (2hrs)
Wednesday 12/11	Geography (Climate and Weather, Geomorphology and Map Work) P1 (3hrs)	Computer Applications Tech P2 (Theory) (3hrs) Nautical Science P2 (3hrs)
Thursday 13/11	English HL P2 (2½hrs) English FAL P2 (2½hrs) English SAL P2 (1½hrs)	Information Technology P2 (Theory) (3hrs) Marine Sciences P1 (2½hrs)
Friday 14/11	Life Sciences P1 (2½hrs)	Electrical Technology (3hrs)
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>
Monday 17/11	Life Sciences P2 (2½hrs)	Dramatic Arts (3hrs)
Tuesday 18/11	Geography (Rural and Urban Settlements, Economic Geography of SA and Map Work) P2 (3hrs)	Engineering Graphics and Design P2 (3hrs)
Wednesday 19/11	Economics P1 (2hrs)	Tourism (3hrs)
Thursday 20/11	Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P2 (2½hrs), FAL P2 (2½hrs), SAL P2 (1½hrs) South African Sign Language HL P2 (2½hrs)	Agricultural Sciences P2 (2½hrs)
Friday 21/11	Afrikaans HL P2 (2½hrs) Afrikaans FAL P2 (2½hrs) Afrikaans SAL P2 (1½hrs)	Economics P2 (2hrs)
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>
Monday 24/11	Agricultural Technology (3hrs) Music P1 Theory (3hrs)	Design (3hrs)
Tuesday 25/11	Consumer Studies (3hrs) Hospitality Studies (3hrs)	Dance P1 (3hrs)
Wednesday 26/11	Agricultural Management Practices (3hrs) Marine Sciences P2 (2½hrs)	Music P2 Comprehension (1½hrs)
Thursday 27/11	<b>CAT P1 rewrite</b> (3hrs) Practical <b>IT P1 rewrite</b> (3hrs) Practical	

	<b>09:00</b>
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Pledge Signing
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	Life Orientation (LO CAT) (2½hrs)
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Life Orientation (LO CAT) (2½hrs) Rewrite
14 <sup>th</sup> August 2025 to 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Performing Arts Practical
14 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 to 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Visual Arts and Design Practical

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