



CHIEF DIRECTORATE: EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT

Steve Vukile Tshwete Complex, Zone 6 Zwelitsha, 5608, Private Bag X0032, Bhisho, 5605 REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA:
Enquiries: Mrs PE Japhta. 060 523 8658. E-mail: Penelope.Japhta@ecdoe.gov.za Website: www.ecdoe.gov.za

ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 52 OF 2025

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

DATE: 16 OCTOBER 2025

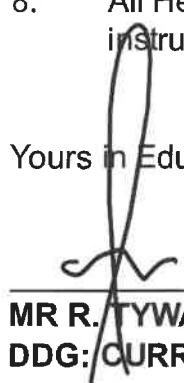
THE CONDUCT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2025 GENERAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE (GEC) TESTS – NOVEMBER TIMETABLE.

1. The overall goal of the General Education Certificate (**GEC**) is to recognise the holistic skill set for learners over the schooling in GET.
2. The GEC will also shed some light on the inclinations of learners through an inclination test which will equip them with essential 21 century skills through the administration of an Integrated Common Assessment Task (**ICAT**)
3. The Department of Basic Education will be implementing the GEC in selected schools across the province.
4. GEC is an assessment that forms part of the National Assessment Framework (**NAF**) to assist learners in establishing pathways after 10 years of schooling i.e. Occupational stream, Vocational stream and the Academic stream.
5. The writing of the 2025 Curriculum Tests in the subjects set at National level will be written from the **10 to 18 November 2025**.

6. A common Term 4 timetable for the GEC indicated as **Annexure A** for the sampled schools .
7. **The curriculum tests will be written in Term 4 in the following subjects:**
- Home languages (all languages);
 - First Additional Languages (all languages);
 - Mathematics (Afrikaans and English);
 - Natural Sciences (Afrikaans and English); and;
 - Economic and Management Sciences (Afrikaans and English).
8. All Heads of education institutions must ensure that the contents of this Assessment instruction are communicated to all selected GEC schools.

Yours in Education

24/10/2025



MR R. TYWAKADI
DDG: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY

DATE

ANNEXURE A

GEC 2025 Timetable

Date (in 2025)	Subject	Time	Duration
Week 1			
Monday ,10 November 2025	English Home Language	09:00 – 11:30	2 ½ hrs
Tuesday,11 November 2025	Afrikaans Home Language	09:00 – 11:30	2 ½ hrs
Wednesday ,12 November 2025	All African Languages	09:00 – 11:30	2 ½ hrs
Thursday,13 November 2025	Mathematics P1	09:00 – 11:30	2 ½ hrs
Friday,14 October 2025	EMS Paper 2	09:00 – 11:00	2 hrs
Week 2			
Monday,17 November 2025	Natural Sciences	09:00 – 11:00	2 hrs
Tuesday, 18 November 2025	All First Additional Languages	09:00 – 11:30	2 ½ hrs