



ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 06 of 2008

TO: DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL
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TEACHER ORGANISATIONS

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2008 GRADE 12 INTERNAL ASSESSMENT

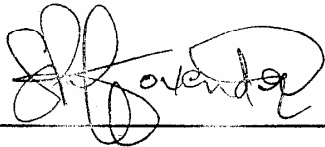
2008 sees the introduction of the National Senior Certificate (NSC) for Grade 12 learners. In order for these learners to have the best chance of completing all the outcomes in all seven subjects required for this qualification, it is imperative that every possible day of the academic year be used for teaching and learning.

Taking into consideration all the Subject Assessment Guidelines as well as the Protocol for Recording and Reporting, which lists the number of formal assessments required in every subject, it has been decided that the following will ensure maximum teaching and learning opportunities without impacting on the validity of Continuous Assessment (CASS):

1. There will be no Provincial March common test programme. Schools will set the formal assessment tasks required for the first term during normal class time.
2. Every effort shall be made to minimize the convening of work shops and meetings for Grade 12 teachers during instructional hours. Instead, there will be a shift towards on-site support by all field workers in the Chief Directorate Curriculum Management, including all subject advisors and relevant officials.
3. Moderation of CASS and orals will commence as late in the day as possible taking into account challenges of transport and other logistics.

4. There will be no formal Provincial June examination for Grade 12 learners. While it is acknowledged that the protocol for recording and reporting requires an examination in June, it has been decided that the half-year's work should be assessed using control tests in normal school time, with no shortening of the school day or learners staying at home.
5. The June examination papers which are to be set by the Province will be distributed to schools as exemplars for use as learner/teacher support material.
6. The National Trial examination will be held in the month of September 2008. It is expected that this examination will be timeously marked and thus highlight areas needing remediation or revision. This should be the focus of teaching and learning during October.
7. The month of October 2008 will also be used for completing any learning outcomes that were not covered at all or in full, as the final NSC examination will commence on 3 November 2008.

Principals of all schools offering Grade 12 are urged to draw the contents of this Assessment Instruction to the attention of teachers, learners and parents as a matter of priority.



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