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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 31 of 2008

TO: DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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DISTRICT DIRECTORS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS: FET COLLEGES

CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALISTS

DEPUTY CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALISTS

FIRST EDUCATION SPECIALISTS (EXAMINATIONS DISTRICTS)

EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

SUBJECT ADVISORS

PRINCIPALS: SCHOOLS WITH GRADE 12

TEACHER ORGANISATIONS

DATE: 11 AUGUST 2008

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS AS PROVINCIAL CASS MODERATORS

BACKGROUND

2008 sees the first cohort of Grade 12 learners writing the *National Senior Certificate* (NSC) in compliance with the National Curriculum Statement (NCS). Learners will offer 4 compulsory subjects (Home Language (HL), First Additional Language (FAL), Life Orientation, Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy) together with 3 selected subjects.

In order for a learner to obtain the NSC, a learner must achieve 40% in three subjects, one of which is an official language at Home Language level, and 30% in three subjects, provided that a complete portfolio of evidence in the school-based assessment component is submitted in the subject failed. [Amendment of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act no. 27 of 1996), Government Gazette, 30th April 2007]

All examination based marks for learners go through a stringent quality assurance process before, during and after examinations have been written. Therefore, it is imperative that the Department of Education ensures that CASS marks follow a similar stringent quality control procedure.

The Chief Directorate: Curriculum Management will be embarking on a Provincial Centralized Continuous Assessment (CASS) moderation process to ensure that valid, reliable and quality CASS marks for each learner are registered.

This process is informed by the **Subject Assessment Guidelines of 2008** and is in line with the **UMALUSI** requirements for valid and reliable CASS marks through verifiable procedures and processes.

2. ARRANGEMENTS

DATE: 23rd (8h00) - 26th OCTOBER (14h00) 2008

VENUE: EDUCATION LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (ELI)

EAST LONDON

SUBJECTS TO BE MODERATED:

The following 14 subjects will be moderated during the Centralised Provincial CASS processes:

English First Additional Language	8. Geography											
2. isiXhosa Home Language	9. Life Sciences											
3. Life Orientation	10. Agricultural Sciences											
4. Physical Sciences	11. Engineering Graphics and Design (EGD)											
5. Music	12. Business Studies											
6. Computer Applied Technology (CAT)	13. Consumer Studies											
7. History	14. Mathematics											

3. APPLICATION PROCESSES TO BE FOLLOWED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT AS CASS MODERATORS

The moderation will be done by a selected group of appointed teachers and subject advisors.

The following **TWO CATEGORIES of applications will be considered:**

- a. Application by teachers for Appointment as a CASS Moderator in the 2008 Centralised Provincial CASS moderation process.
- b. Application by Subject Advisor for Appointment as a CASS Moderator in the 2008 Centralised Provincial CASS moderation process.

Read the Instructions on Application Forms.

All the information in application forms will be **verified** with the **database** in the **Provincial Office** as well as with **EMIS**.

WHO QUALIFIES TO APPLY FOR MODERATING?

- Educators who taught Grade 10 11 in 2006 and 2007 and who teach the subject applied for in Grade 12 in 2008.
- Principals who taught Grade 10 11 in 2006 2007 and who teach the subject applied for in Grade 12 in 2008 and who have a strong support staff that will manage the school in his/her absence. Application form to be signed by the EDO.
- Subject Advisors in the FET phase with a second year qualification in the subject that he/she is advising on.
- 2008 Examiners and Moderators (attach Appointment letter).
- Cluster leaders who taught Grade 10 11 in 2006 2007 and who teach the subject applied for in Grade 12 in 2008 and have qualifications in the subject for which they are Cluster leaders.
- CASS Co-Ordinators who taught Grade 10 11 in 2006 2007 and who teach the subject applied for in Grade 12 in 2008 and have qualifications in the subject for which they are Cluster leaders.

WHO DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR MODERATING?

- Office-based educators (EDOs, CES, DCES, etc.) as they do not teach the Grade 12 subjects
- Subject Advisors in the GET phase may **not** apply to moderate Grade 12 CASS portfolios
- Cluster leaders and CASS Co-Ordinators who are not teaching the subject and do not have qualifications in the subject they co-ordinate

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT

 Appointed moderators are compelled to attend any professional development and training programmes

Application forms from both teachers and Subject Advisors who qualify and have applied to moderate CASS must hand in applications to CES: Curriculum at District Offices.

VERIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS

AT SCHOOL LEVEL:

Principal and School Management Team

INSTRUCTIONS TO PRINCIPALS

- Signature of approval must only be appended if educator was/is responsible for teaching the subject in Grade 10 - 11 in 2006 / 2007 and are teaching Grade 12 in 2008.
- Do not sign application forms of educators not teaching the subject at Grade 12 level and have not taught the subject in Grade 10 and 11.
- Do not sign application forms of educators who are not teachers in your school.

AT DISTRICT LEVEL:

Verification, pre-selection and sorting will be done at District Offices by the Verification Committee selected by and headed by the CES: Curriculum.

The members of the **Verification Committee** for **Moderators** will include:

- CES: Curriculum (Chairperson)
- CES: Governance
- DCES: Examinations
- EDO's
- Subject Advisors
- Teacher Union representatives as observers

The members of the <u>Verification Committee</u> for <u>Subject Advisors</u> who apply to mark will include:

- CES: Curriculum (Chairperson)
- CES: GovernanceDCES: Examinations
- EDO
- Teacher Union representatives as observers

All officials are requested to check the Application Forms carefully in order to verify that only competent qualified CASS Moderators are appointed to these critically important positions.

REJECTION OF APPLICATIONS:

- Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered.
- Application forms received at the District Office after 8th September 2008 will not
- No application forms will be accepted at the Provincial Office which did not come through the District Office

IMPORTANT SUBMISSION DATES:

- Closing date for application forms at the **District:** 8th September 2008. Closing date for application forms at the **Provincial Office:** 12th September •
- Selection of Moderators: 14th 16th September 2008 *
- List of Moderators ready for distribution to Districts: 19th September 2008

Yours in quality education	
MR SP GOVENDER CHIEF DIRECTOR: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT	



SUBJECT APPLIED FOR:	

APPLICATION: CASS MODERATOR GRADE 12 2008

CLOSING DATE: 8th SEPTEMBER 2008



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[NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE PROVINCIAL OFFICE AFTER THE CLOSING DATE - NO FAXES ACCEPTABLE]

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THIS FORM

- . Any person found to be giving fraudulent information will be disqualified from moderating in the future.
- 2. A **separate** application form must be completed for each subject applied for.
- 3. Certified copies of academic qualifications MUST accompany every application. If the Certificate/Degree does not show the specific major subject, then a copy of the subject advice sheet should accompany the Certificate/Degree.
- Criteria for appointments: refer to page 4.
- 5. Attach a **certified copy** of your ID Document to this form.
- 6. Attach a recent ID Photo of yourself to the top right corner of this form.
- 7. An EDO may not apply for moderation.
- 8. Only educators from the Department of Education Eastern Cape may apply. No applications from other Departments will be accepted.

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Appointment of Markers: Norms and Standards

- (1) Markers are appointed in terms of the Personnel Administration Measures (PAM).
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LIST OF GRADE 12 SUBJECTS AND THEIR CODES

PROVINCIAL CASS MODERATION 2008 GRADE 12 SUBJECT CODES

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2.	IsiXhosa Home Language	04010304
3.	Agricultural Science	01060064
4.	Business Studies	03060064
5.	Computer Applications Technology	10060094
6.	Consumer Studies	11060034
7.	Engineering Graphics and Design	06060124
8.	Geography	07060064
9.	History	07060094
10.	Life Orientation	07050034
11.	Life Sciences	10060154
12.	Mathematics	10040064
13.	Music	02060124
14.	Physical Sciences	10060184



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CASS MODERATION APPLICATION: SUBJECT ADVISOR GRADE 12: 2008



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