



## **NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) AWARDS CRITERIA FOR 2016**

### **AWARDS TO SCHOOLS**

All schools will receive a certificate.

### **CATEGORY 1 – EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE**

In this category, awards are presented to all schools in the province (including independent schools) that have achieved excellence in academic results in 2016, based on the following criteria:

#### **Category 1a – schools with an NSC enrolment of 30 or more candidates**

- (a) Consistency in the number of Grade 12 candidates over the three-year period from 2014 to 2016 – the number that wrote in 2016 must not be less than 90% of the average of the numbers that wrote in 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- (b) An overall pass rate of at least 95% in 2016.
- (c) A percentage of candidates with access to Bachelor's degree study that is 80% and above.
- (d) A percentage of candidates with Mathematics passes that is 60% and above.

The ranking of schools will be determined by means of a weighted ranking index, calculated as follows:

- Point (b) above: 10% weighting
- Point (c) above: 60% weighting
- Point (d) above: 30% weighting

#### **Category 1b – schools with an NSC enrolment of fewer than 30 candidates (a maximum of three schools)**

- (a) Consistency in the number of Grade 12 candidates over the three-year period from 2014 to 2016 – the number that wrote in 2016 must not be less than 90% of the average of the numbers that wrote in 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- (b) An overall pass rate of at least 95% in 2016.
- (c) A percentage of candidates with access to Bachelor's degree study that is 80% and above.
- (d) A percentage of candidates with Mathematics passes that is 60% and above.

The ranking of schools will be determined by means of a weighted ranking index, calculated as follows:

- Point (b) above: 10% weighting
- Point (c) above: 60% weighting
- Point (d) above: 30% weighting

### **Category 1c – technical high schools (one or more schools)**

- (a) Consistency in the number of Grade 12 candidates over a period of three years.
- (b) An overall pass rate of at least 80% in 2016.
- (c) A percentage of candidates with Mathematics passes that is 40% and above.
- (d) An aggregate pass rate in the technical subjects (Engineering Graphics and Design, Civil Technology, Electrical Technology and Mechanical Technology).

The ranking of technical high schools will be determined by means of a weighted ranking index, calculated as follows:

- Point (b) above: 10% weighting
- Point (c) above: 30% weighting
- Point (d) above: 60% weighting

## **CATEGORY 2 – MOST IMPROVED SCHOOLS**

### **Category 2a: Most improved public schools**

Awards will be made to the ten schools with 30 or more candidates that have shown the greatest improvement in pass rate over the period from 2014 to 2016. The criteria also include consistency in the number of Grade 12 candidates over the three-year period from 2014 to 2016.

### **Category 2b: Most improved technical high school**

Awards will be made to one technical high school with 30 or more candidates that has shown the greatest improvement in pass rate over the period 2014 to 2016. The criteria also include consistency in the number of Grade 12 candidates over the three-year period from 2014 to 2016.

### **Category 2c: Greatest increase in the percentage of Bachelor's passes**

Awards will be made to ten schools with 30 or more candidates that have shown the greatest increase in the percentage of candidates achieving access to Bachelor's degree studies over the period from 2014 to 2016. The criteria also include consistency in the number of Grade 12 candidates over the three-year period from 2014 to 2016.

## **CATEGORY 3 – IMPROVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE IN INDIVIDUAL SUBJECTS**

### **Category 3a: Mathematics**

#### **Improvement in Mathematics**

This is awarded to one school in the province that showed the greatest improvement in performance in Mathematics from 2015 to 2016, by increasing its number of passes in Mathematics.

#### **Excellence in Mathematics**

This is awarded to one school in the province that produced the highest number of passes in Mathematics in 2016.

### **Category 3b: Physical Sciences**

#### **Improvement in Physical Sciences**

This is awarded to one school in the province that showed the greatest improvement in performance in Physical Sciences from 2015 to 2016, by increasing its number of passes in Physical Sciences.

#### **Excellence in Physical Sciences**

This is awarded to one school in the province that produced the highest number of passes in Physical Sciences in 2016.

### **Category 3c: English Home Language**

#### **Improvement in English Home Language**

This is awarded to one school in the province that showed the greatest improvement in performance in English Home Language from 2015 to 2016, by increasing its number of passes in English Home Language.

#### **Excellence in English Home Language**

This is awarded to one school in the province that produced the highest number of passes in English Home Language in 2016.

**Category 3d: Afrikaans Home Language****Improvement in Afrikaans Home Language**

This is awarded to one school in the province that showed the greatest improvement in performance in Afrikaans Home Language from 2015 to 2016, by increasing its number of passes in Afrikaans Home Language.

**Excellence in Afrikaans Home Language**

This is awarded to one school in the province that produced the highest number of passes in Afrikaans Home Language in 2016.

**Category 3e: isiXhosa Home Language****Improvement in isiXhosa Home Language**

This is awarded to one school in the province that showed the greatest improvement in performance in isiXhosa Home Language from 2015 to 2016, by increasing its number of passes in isiXhosa Home Language.

**Excellence in isiXhosa Home Language**

This is awarded to one school in the province that produced the highest number of passes in isiXhosa Home Language in 2016.

**Category 3f: Information Technology****Improvement in Information Technology**

This is awarded to one school in the province that showed the greatest improvement in performance in Information Technology from 2015 to 2016, by increasing its number of passes in Information Technology.

**Excellence in Information Technology**

This is awarded to one school in the province that produced the highest number of passes in Information Technology in 2016.

**Category 3g: Computer Applications Technology****Improvement in Computer Applications Technology**

This is awarded to one school in the province that showed the greatest improvement in performance in Computer Applications Technology from 2015 to 2016, by increasing its number of passes in Computer Applications Technology.

**Excellence in Computer Applications Technology**

This is awarded to one school in the province that produced the highest number of passes in Computer Applications Technology in 2016.