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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Deputy Directors, Chief Education Specialists, Heads: Curriculum Support, Subject Advisers, Circuit Managers, Heads: Management and Governance, Deputy Chief Education Specialists and Heads of institutions which prepare candidates for the National Senior Certificate and Senior Certificate examinations

Short summary: *Final timetable and arrangements for the combined June and November 2020 National Senior Certificate examinations.*

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1. Following the closure of schools on 18 March 2020 and the national lockdown to curb the spread of COVID-19, a decision was taken by the Minister of Basic Education to administer the May/June 2020 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations concurrently with the October/November 2020 NSC examinations.
2. Enclosed is a copy of the **final** timetable (**Annexure A**) for the combined June and November 2020 NSC examinations.
3. The examinations are scheduled to commence officially on **Thursday, 05 November 2020** and to conclude on **Tuesday, 15 December 2020**. This timetable replaces the previous November examination timetable that was issued in March 2020.
4. Your attention is drawn to the writing of the following examination papers:
 - 4.1 The Mathematics and Technical Mathematics question papers will be written in the morning session (09:00) and the Mathematical Literacy question paper in the afternoon session (14:00).

- 4.2 The English First Additional Language (FAL) question paper will be written in the morning session (09:00) and English Home Language (HL) and English Second Additional Language (SAL) question papers in the afternoon session (14:00).
5. The candidates who were originally scheduled to write the October/November 2020 examination will write two papers in Accounting and Business Studies in the morning session (09:00), whereas those who would have written the May/June 2020 examination will write one paper in Accounting and Business Studies in the afternoon session (14:00).
6. The Life Orientation (LO) Common Assessment Task (CAT) will be written on **Monday, 19 October 2020**.
7. The Computer Applications Technology (CAT) Paper 1 and Information Technology (IT) Paper 1 practical examinations will be written prior to the official commencement of the examinations on **21 and 22 October 2020** respectively.
8. Two examination sessions are scheduled for each day. The morning session will commence at 09:00 and the afternoon session will commence at 14:00.
9. Principals are to inform all full-time candidates writing the examinations that they must wear their school uniforms when writing every examination. Candidates must be available until the last day of the school term (15 December 2020) in case it should be necessary, for whatever reason, to reschedule the writing of a particular examination paper.
10. During the examination, COVID-19 protocols must be adhered to at all times, which include:
 - a) social distancing of 1,5 metres;
 - b) screening; and
 - c) sanitising.
11. Please note that the recommended dates for the preparatory examination are from **15 September to 07 October 2020**.
12. Normal classes must continue until **Friday, 23 October 2020** to ensure as much teaching time as possible.
13. Kindly bring the contents of this circular to the attention of all candidates who intend to write the combined June and November 2020 NSC examinations.

SIGNED: BK SCHREUDER

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