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Enquiries: District Assessment Coordinators

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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: *Revised requirements for the final calculation of Grades 10 and 11 subject marks in 2020.*

**Subject: Revised requirements for Grades 10 and 11 subjects in 2020**

1. The requirements for promotion in Grades 10 and 11 are specified in the policy document, *National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades, R –12 (NPPPR)*, as published in National Curriculum Statement Grades R–12, Government Notices No. 722 and No. 723, *Government Gazette* No. 34600 of 12 September 2011.
2. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the loss of teaching time, the Department of Basic Education (DBE) released Circular S7 of 2020, dated 12 September 2020 which amends the requirements for the final calculation of Grades 10 and 11 subject marks. These amendments are **only applicable for 2020**.
3. The amendments indicated for 2020 are as follows:

No.	Original policy	Policy for 2020 (as per DBE Circular S7)
a	<i>Weighting of School Based Assessment (SBA): Examination is 25:75</i>	Weighting of <b>SBA: Examination is 60:40</b>
b	<i>Practical Assessment Task (PAT) counts 25% of the final mark</i>	PAT counts <b>20%</b> of the final mark. (i.e. SBA: PAT: Exam is 60:20:20)

c	<i>Orals in languages counted 12.5% of the final mark</i>	Orals in Languages: 12,5% of the final mark ( <i>Home Language and First Additional Language</i> ) and 25% ( <i>Second Additional Language</i> ) should be allocated to orals.  SBA: Oral: Exam is 60:12,5:27,5 (HL and FAL) and 60:25:15 (SAL)
d	<i>End of year assessment is a full-scale examination.</i>	End of year assessment should be a controlled test.
e	<i>End of year examination based on all four terms' work</i>	End of year should be a controlled test to cover work from all terms, where possible.

4. The end of year controlled test must:
  - a) Be set on content that has been taught to all learners.
  - b) Adhere to prescribed standards in terms of content coverage and levels of difficulty. The cognitive spread of the controlled test must adhere to the determinations of each subject as outlined in the Abridged Curriculum as indicted in Circular 0018/2020, dated 03 August 2020.
  - c) Be administered under strict controlled conditions.
  - d) Follow Covid-19 protocols for formal assessments (wearing masks, physical distancing, sanitising hands).
  - e) Adhere to the protocols for pre-moderation and post moderation to ensure compliance with standards.
  
5. Fundamental subjects (Languages, Mathematics, Mathematical Literacy) will offer the required number of papers with a reduced duration.
  
6. All elective subjects should reduce the number of papers to one controlled test per subject.
  
7. The duration of the Grade 11 controlled tests should be two hours, containing components of both papers, where applicable.
  
8. The duration of the Grade 10 controlled tests should be one hour, containing components of both papers, where applicable.
  
9. No common tests or examinations (e.g. district or cluster, etc.) are to be administered in Grades 10 and 11.

10. If a school wishes to offer a full-scale examination, they must inform the district director for approval provided the weightings per subject as well as the progression and promotion requirements as stipulated by the DBE for 2020 are adhered to.
11. The DBE has provided the document: **Guidelines on the Revised Promotion Requirements, Grades 10 – 11**, which accompanies this circular.
12. Kindly bring the contents of this circular to the attention of all teachers and candidates at your school and please inform parents that this change is applicable to 2020 only.

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