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**Subject: Repeal of Life Sciences and Physical Sciences as proviso for offering Sport and Exercise Science**

1. The Department of Basic Education (DBE) issued Circular S3 of 2021, dated 12 March 2021 (attached as **Annexure A**), announcing the repeal of Life Sciences and Physical Sciences as a proviso for candidates who offer Sport and Exercise Science.
2. Sport and Exercise Science has been offered as an optional, non-designated subject in the National Senior Certificate since 2010, starting with the first Grade 10 cohort in 2008.
3. Learners offering this subject had to offer either Physical Sciences or Life Sciences.
4. This proviso deterred a number of learners from offering Sport and Exercise Science as an additional subject and led to a decline in learner numbers.
5. The Minister of Basic Education revoked the proviso restricting Sport and Exercise Science only to learners offering either Physical Sciences or Life Sciences in the *Amendment Regulations pertaining to the National Curriculum Statement Grades R–12, 2020*, published in *Government Gazette* No. 44173 of 05 February 2021.
6. The revocation of the proviso comes into effect from 01 January 2021 which means that learners in Grade 10 to 12 can now offer Sport and Exercise Science without offering either Physical Sciences or Life Sciences.
7. Principals are requested to bring the contents of this minute to the attention of all teachers.

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