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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 that prepare candidates for the National Senior Certificate examinations

Short summary: *Final timetable for the November 2024 National Senior Certificate examinations.*

Subject: Final timetable for the November 2024 National Senior Certificate examinations

1. The November 2024 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations will commence on **Monday, 21 October 2024** and conclude on **Thursday, 28 November 2024**.
2. Enclosed is a copy of the **final** timetable (**Annexure A**) for the November 2024 NSC examinations.
3. The November 2024 NSC examinations timetable will follow the same format as in 2023, but your attention is drawn to the following two changes:
 - 3.1 Computer Applications Technology (CAT) Practical (Paper 1) and Information Technology (IT) (Paper 1) will be written during the first week of the examinations, and not a week before the official commencement of the examinations. CAT Practical (Paper 1) and IT Practical (Paper 1) are scheduled to be administered on **Tuesday, 22 October 2024** and **Wednesday, 23 October 2024** respectively.
 - 3.2 The November 2024 NSC examinations will commence officially on **Monday, 21 October 2024** with the writing of English Home Language (HL) Paper 3, English First Additional Language Paper 3 and English Second Additional Language Paper 3. Paper 3 (**Creative Writing**) for all the official languages (English, Afrikaans, isiZulu, isiXhosa, isiNdebele, Sesotho,

Setswana, Sepedi, Siswati, Tshivenda, Xitsonga and South African Sign Language HL) will therefore be written in the first week. **Candidates must be reminded that Paper 3 will be written before Papers 1 and 2.**

4. The examinations will conclude on **Thursday, 28 November 2024**, but candidates must be available until the last day of the school term (13 December 2024), in case it should be necessary, for whatever reason, to reschedule the writing of a particular subject/paper. Principals must maintain a database of the contact details of all their candidates and their next of kin as part of the contingency plans to reach candidates easily, if needed.
5. Normal classes must continue until **Friday, 11 October 2024**, to ensure as much teaching time as possible.
6. Principals/centre managers are requested to arrange a pledge ceremony during the week of 07–11 October 2024 at their schools to allow candidates to commit to behaviour in line with the examination rules. The pledge certificate must be signed by all candidates to create awareness about the examination rules and the consequences if they are transgressed.
7. Two sessions are scheduled for each day of the examinations. The morning session will commence at 09:00 and the afternoon session at 14:00.
8. Principals are to inform all full-time candidates writing the examinations that they must wear their school uniforms when writing the examination.
9. Candidates who miss a subject paper for any reason during the November 2024 NSC examinations, will have to write all the subject papers for that specific subject in the subsequent May/June examination of the following year.
10. The national Minister will announce the 2024 November NSC examinations results on **Wednesday, 15 January 2025**, and the provincial education departments will release the results of candidates on **Thursday, 16 January 2025**.
11. The Life Orientation Common Assessment Task will be written on **Monday, 02 September 2024**.
12. The Performing Arts Practical is scheduled for **Monday, 12 August 2024** to **Monday, 14 October 2024**, and the Visual Arts and Design Practicals are scheduled for **Tuesday, 01 October 2024** to **Monday, 14 October 2024**.
13. Please note that the recommended date for the start of the Grade 12 trial examinations is **Monday, 26 August 2024**, as published in the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) school calendar.

14. It is envisaged that the marking of the November 2024 NSC examinations will commence on **Friday, 29 November 2024**. The WCED is awaiting final confirmation from the Department of Basic Education.
15. Kindly bring the contents of this circular to the attention of all candidates who intend to write the November 2024 NSC examinations.

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