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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors, Heads: Curriculum Support, Circuit Managers, Chief Education Specialists, Heads: Management and Governance, Deputy Chief Education Specialists, Assessment and Examination Coordinators, Subject Advisers and Heads of all educational institutions that prepare candidates for the National Senior Certificate examinations

Subject: Discontinuation of the Multiple Examination Opportunity (MEO) dispensation with effect from 2020

1. In 2015, the Council of Education Ministers (CEM) approved the policy amendment which allowed for progressed learners who were not coping with the Grade 12 curriculum to opt for the Multiple Examination Opportunity (MEO) dispensation.
2. This implied that progressed learners in Grade 12 could write their subjects in two examination sittings, namely the October/November National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination and the subsequent May/June examination.
3. The CEM has now approved the **discontinuation** of the policy on the MEO dispensation with effect from 2020.
4. This implies that the policy on MEO will be implemented for the last time in the 2019 October/November NSC examination.
5. Candidates who have opted for the MEO option in the 2019 October/November examination will write their remaining subjects in the May/June examination in 2020.
6. Candidates who register to write the 2020 October/November NSC examination will not be allowed to choose the MEO option.

7. Kindly bring this information to the attention of all Grades 10–12 learners, teachers and parents.

SIGNED: PAD BEETS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT

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