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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors, Heads: Curriculum Support, Circuit Managers, Deputy Chief Education Specialists, FET and GET Coordinators, Subject Advisers and Principals of all ordinary public and independent schools with Grades 4–9 classes

**Subject: Call to register Grades 4–9 learners for the 2019 Natural Science Olympiad**

1. The National Natural Science Olympiad is a project sponsored by the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement (SAASTA). The Olympiad is aimed at:
  - creating an interest in science among learners and encouraging them to study science in the Further Education and Training (FET) Phase;
  - identifying top Natural Sciences learners nationally;
  - supporting Natural Sciences teachers and improving their classroom practice; and
  - identifying talent among Natural Sciences learners.
2. The Olympiad is a stimulating activity which requires participants to demonstrate critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, innovation and creativity. It supports the Western Cape Education Department's (WCED) strategy for Mathematics and Physical Science. There are impressive prizes to be won by the top performers in the Olympiad.
3. The Olympiad is a multiple-choice examination which is divided into two categories: Intermediate Phase and Senior Phase. It will be written from 09:00 to 12:00 on Thursday, 16 May 2019.
4. **The closing date for registration for the Western Cape is Monday, 04 March 2019. However, the earlier you register, the better.**

5. The WCED once again invites all schools to participate in the 2019 Olympiad, which will be offered in both English and Afrikaans for the first time in 2019. Schools are requested to complete and sign the attached registration forms (Annexures A and B) and fax them to SAASTA using the fax number provided on the entry form. Schools should ensure that proof of payment is faxed with the registration form. All completed registration forms should reach SAASTA no later than 14:00 on Monday, 04 March 2019.
6. The participation fee for the Olympiad is R35,00 per learner. The fees must be deposited directly into SAASTA's bank account. The banking details are provided on the entry form. There is no limit on the number of learners that may be entered.
7. The WCED will pay the entries of the learners from no-fee paying schools and the Mathematics, Science and Technology (MST) focus schools. All these schools should send their learner entries directly to Ms Suanne Rampou by no later than 15:00 on Monday, 04 March 2019 with a supporting letter, signed and stamped by the principal regarding information about the status of their school. Email to [Suanne.Rampou@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Suanne.Rampou@westerncape.gov.za) or fax them to 086 205 1450.
8. For any further information, schools are advised to visit the SAASTA Schools Competition website at [www.saasta.flabs.ac.za](http://www.saasta.flabs.ac.za).

**SIGNED:** PAD BEETS

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT**

**DATE:** 2019-01-18



# THE 9<sup>TH</sup> NATURAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

16 MAY 2019



## WIN

LAPTOPS, TABLETS,  
TROPHIES, MEDALS AND  
CERTIFICATES



**SAASTA**  
South African Agency for Science  
and Technology Advancement

## ENTRY SUMMARY

Exam date – 16 May 2019

Closing date for Western Cape – Monday, 04 March 2019

	Male	Female	Total	District Municipality	
Grade 4					
Grade 5				Total Afrikaans	Total English
Grade 6					
Grade 7					
Grade 8					
Grade 9					

# ENTRY GUIDELINES

## The 9<sup>th</sup> Natural Science Olympiad

**Prizes include Laptops, Tablets, Trophies, Medals and Certificates**

### EDUCATORS:

- Please help motivate your learners to experience the thrill of competing with others from around the country in the Natural Science Olympiad as part of SAASTA's Primary School Science Intervention (PSSI).
- Help coordinate learners' participation in this event.
- Only learners in grade 4 to 9 may enter to compete for a range of exciting prizes.
- Help your learners prepare for the Natural Science syllabus.

### EXAMINATION:

- The Natural Science Olympiad exam paper will include but not limited to Natural Science sections from the curriculum.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- All learners should be entered before the closing date.
- The Natural Science Olympiad examination will be written on Thursday 16 May 2019 from 09:00 – 12:00 under your supervision at the school (no need to worry about transport).
- Results and certificates are sent to schools. Certificates will be awarded to learners obtaining 50% and above.
- SAASTA will ensure that question papers are distributed to schools before the exam and examination answer books are collected after the examination has been written.

**SAASTA reserves the right to disqualify the school if we suspect fraudulent answer scripts.**

### EASY STEPS TO ENTER

1. Complete the attached form and return it to SAASTA (with a duplicate copy) as soon as possible.
2. Schools encouraged to register using the online platform at [www.saasta.tlabs.ac.za](http://www.saasta.tlabs.ac.za). In case you are unable to use the online platform, please confirm that your school's entry has been received.
3. The entry fee for learners is R35.00
4. Special arrangements can be made for school learners that cannot afford the entry fee. Principal should contact us for details before 01 December 2018.
5. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions:

Officials: Mr Ramoloi Maxalaba / Mrs Erna Taljaard

Tel: 012 392 9300/9346/9337

Fax: 086 603 4174

E-mail: [nsops@saasta.ac.za](mailto:nsops@saasta.ac.za)



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South African Agency for Science  
and Technology Advancement

**The entry fee is not refundable.**

**Only cheques, postal orders and bank deposits are acceptable and must be made payable to SAASTA (See bank details on the entry form).**

**Natural Science Olympiad examination papers are available in both English and Afrikaans.**

**ANNEXURE A**

This form must accompany the school's completed Annexure B

**BOTH ANNEXURES A AND B SHOULD BE FAXED TO SAASTA ON FAX: 086 603 4174 OR EMAILED TO: nsops@saasta.ac.za BY MONDAY 04 MARCH 2019.**

## APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

### The 9<sup>th</sup> Natural Science Olympiad 2019



**WCED Closing date: Monday 04 March 2019**

**Examination date: 16 May 2019**

**Kindly complete the entry form fully and ensure it reaches SAASTA before the above closing date.**

Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town/Village: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town/Village: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

School tel. no.: \_\_\_\_\_ School fax no: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of educator in charge: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's tel. no. : \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's cell no: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of HOD and contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of learners entered (Grade 4 – 6)	<input type="text"/>	English	<input type="text"/>	Afrikaans	<input type="text"/>
Number of learners entered (Grade 7 – 9)	<input type="text"/>	English	<input type="text"/>	Afrikaans	<input type="text"/>

Please tick (✓) the appropriate boxes:

	Urban	Rural	Township	Previously disadvantaged
Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home Schooled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate method of payment (by ticking the appropriate box). Cheque  Postal Order  Direct deposit

<p style="text-align: center;">Bank Details SAASTA ABSA Branch: Pretoria Account number: 40-6014-5672 Branch code: 632005 <b>Ref: PMSC – School Name</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Postal Address Science Olympiad SAASTA PO Box 1758 Pretoria 0001</p>
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**PLEASE NOTE:**

Use the word PMSC and **School's name** in the reference block when making a direct deposit  
Participation fee in 2019 is R35.00 per learner

**ANNEXURE B**

This form must accompany the school's completed Annexure A

**BOTH ANNEXURES A AND B SHOULD BE FAXED TO SAASTA ON FAX: 086 603 4174 OR EMAILED TO: nsops@saasta.ac.za BY MONDAY 04 MARCH 2019. Schools should confirm the number of learners entered in the Olympiad. The entry fee for learners is R35.00.**

**ENTRY FORM**

**The 9<sup>th</sup> Natural Science Olympiad**

School's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Learner							
No.	Surname	First name(s)	Afrikaans	English	Initials	Gender M / F	Grade (in 2019)
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Total number of learners entered:							

**Note: You can make copies of this page in order to enter as many learners as you wish.**

