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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Deputy Directors, Chief Education Specialists, Heads: Curriculum Support, Heads: Management and Governance, Circuit Managers, Deputy Chief Education Specialists, Assessment and Examination Coordinators, Subject Advisers and Heads of education institutions that prepare candidates for the National Senior Certificate examinations

Subject: Practical Assessment Tasks for the 2020 National Senior Certificate Examinations

1. Introduction:

- 1.1 Practical Assessment Tasks (PATs) have been set in selected subjects by the Department of Basic Education (DBE). These PATs are part of the assessment requirements for the 2020 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations as stipulated in the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) of each relevant subject.
- 1.2 The PATs are assessed internally at schools and then moderated externally within the province.

2. Subjects that include PATs:

- 2.1 Agricultural Management Practices, Agricultural Technology
- 2.2 Dance Studies, Design, Dramatic Arts, Music, Visual Arts
- 2.3 Computer Application Technology, Information Technology
- 2.4 Consumer Studies, Hospitality Studies, Tourism
- 2.5 Civil Technology, Electrical Technology, Engineering Graphics and Design, Mechanical Technology, Technical Sciences

3. Assessment of PATs:

- 3.1 The 2020 PAT guidelines can be downloaded from the DBE website, using the link: <https://bit.ly/2RajEel> (or access the DBE home page and click on Curriculum/Curriculum Statements (NCS) GrR-12/Practical Assessment Tasks and 2020 Grade 10–12 PATs).
- 3.2 The PAT guidelines must be provided to the relevant subject teachers so that they may use these documents to budget and plan for the implementation of these assessments during the first three terms of 2020.
- 3.3 Support from the relevant subject advisers and senior curriculum planners will be provided during the course of the year. Schools must, therefore, ensure that the relevant teachers attend the district meetings dealing with assessment and moderation of PATs.
4. Principals and education district officials are requested to bring the content of this minute to the attention of staff, parents and learners.

SIGNED: PAD BEETS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT

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