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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Heads: Curriculum Support, Circuit Managers, Heads: Management and Governance, Subject Advisers and Principals and Language Teachers at secondary schools

Subject: Guidelines for the assessment of oral communication for all official languages offered in the National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination

1. The Department of Basic Education (DBE) has issued Circular S5 of 2020, dated 11 August 2020, which repeals and replaces Circular S3 of 2008, dated 08 May 2008. The circular deals with:
 - a) Requirements for oral examinations in all official languages offered for the NSC examination (detailed in **Annexure 1**).
 - b) Important information on oral assessment of the official Home Languages, First Additional Languages and the Second Additional Languages offered for the NSC examination.
 - c) Revised oral communication assessment rubrics (**Annexure 2**).
2. DBE Circular S5 of 2020 should be read in conjunction with the following documents:
 - *The National Senior Certificate: A qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)*;
 - *Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) (Grades 10-12) for Official Languages*;
 - *Abridged Section 4: FET Grade 10-11 CAPS Amendments* (implementation date: January 2020); and
 - *National Protocol for Assessment: Grades R-12* (January 2012).
3. Kindly note that the trimmed curriculum is still in place for 2020.

4. It is expected that the contents of DBE Circular S5/2020 (**Annexure 3**) be implemented immediately in 2020.
5. Language teachers must note that it is not necessary to redo any assessments of oral tasks completed to date. The new rubrics should be used for any outstanding oral tasks.
6. Principals are requested to bring the contents of this minute to the attention of the relevant staff.

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