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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 which prepare learners for the National Senior Certificate examinations

**Subject: Repeal of additional reading and planning time for Information Technology (IT) National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination**

1. The Department of Basic Education issued Circular S13 of 2021, dated 23 July 2021, repealing the additional reading and planning time for the Information Technology (IT) Paper 1 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations.
2. The abridged version of the *Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS)* for Grade 12, which was implemented in January 2021, indicated that IT learners will receive 30 minutes reading and planning time before the commencement of the practical examination.
3. The additional 30 minutes planning and reading time as stipulated in Section 4 of CAPS for IT Paper 1 is withdrawn.
4. However, provision will be made in the examination for learners to do planning and this will be factored into the three-hour examination time. Learners will also receive two blank pages as part of the examination paper to use for planning purposes during the three-hour examination.
5. The same provision will be made for Computer Applications Technology learners by factoring planning time into the three-hour examination time and providing two blank pages as part of the examination paper for planning purposes during the three-hour examination.

6. Details will be provided to the provincial education departments and candidates via a circular for the conduct of practical examinations to be released in due course.
7. Principals are requested to bring the contents of this minute to the attention of all Grade 12 IT teachers and learners.

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