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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 and Advisers, Subject Advisers and Heads of education institutions that prepare candidates for the National Senior Certificate examinations

Subject: Practical Assessment Tasks for the 2023 National Senior Certificate examinations

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Department of Basic Education (DBE) has developed Practical Assessment Tasks (PATs) in the subjects that have a practical component. These PATs are part of the assessment requirements for the 2023 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations as stipulated in the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement 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, Technical Mathematics.

3. Assessment of PATs

- 3.1 The DBE 2023 PAT guidelines can be downloaded, using the DBE link below:
<https://www.education.gov.za/Curriculum/NationalCurriculumStatementsGradesR-12/PATS2023.aspx>
- 3.2 The PAT guidelines must be provided to the relevant subject teachers so that they can use these documents to budget and plan for the implementation of these assessments during the first three terms of 2023.
- 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 district officials are requested to bring the content of this minute to the attention of staff, parents and learners.

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