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Curriculum and Assessment Management Minute: 0009/2024

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 learners for the National Senior Certificate examinations

Subject: Retention of Grades R–12 2023/2024 Annual Teaching Plans including revised School-based Assessment and examination weightings for the 2025 academic year

1. The Department of Basic Education (DBE) released Circular S33, dated 29 December 2022, releasing the 2023/24 Annual Teaching Plans (ATPs) and the revised School-based Assessment (SBA) and examination weightings and requirements to be implemented in the 2023/2024 academic years.
2. The ATPs for Grades R–12 provided guidance on the implementation of the recovery of learning and were implemented in 2023 and 2024.
3. The ATPs were accompanied by the revised SBA and examination weightings and other key assessment requirements for implementation.
4. This minute seeks to inform all stakeholders that the 2023/2024 ATPs and revised weightings and requirements for SBA for learners in Grades R–12 will continue to be implemented in 2025 until they are revoked.
5. The Programme of Assessment (POA) specifies the tasks, tests, examinations, practical assessment tasks (practical subjects) and oral tasks (Languages), specific to each subject and grade for the year.

6. The SBA and examination weightings are amended as follows:

PHASE	REVISED SBA WEIGHTINGS
Foundation Phase (Grades R–3)	100% SBA
Intermediate Phase (Grades 4–6)	80% SBA: 20% examinations
Senior Phase (Grades 7–9)	60% SBA: 40% examinations
Grades 10–11	40% SBA: 60% examinations
Grade 12	25% SBA: 75% examinations

7. The POA of both the midyear and end-of-year examinations is as follows:

7.1 Midyear/June examination:

- (a) Grade 12: Midyear/June examination;
- (b) Grades 10–11: Midyear/June examination; and
- (c) Grades 4–9: Midyear/June controlled tests only.

7.2 End-of-year examination:

- (a) Grade 12: Full scale National Senior Certificate examination;
- (b) Grades 7–11: Full scale examinations in all subjects; and
- (c) Grades 4–6: Controlled tests in all subjects.

8. The afore-mentioned SBA and examination weightings and POA requirements are **effective from January 2025 and will remain in place until repealed**.

9. The updated 2025 GET recording and reporting programmes and 2025 FET subject record sheets will be made available on CEMIS by the beginning of March 2025.

10. The ATPs are available on the DBE website:

<https://www.education.gov.za/Curriculum/NationalCurriculumStatementsGradesR-12/2023ATPs.aspx>.

11. District officials and principals are kindly requested to bring the content of this minute to the attention of all educators, parents/guardians and learners.

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