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CIRCULAR S15 OF 2015: PROMULGATION OF AMENDMENT TO POLICY AND REGULATION PERTAINING TO THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM STATEMENT GRADES R-12

1. The Minister of Basic Education has promulgated amendments to policy and regulations pertaining to the National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12 and the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate Examination.
2. The amendments have been published in the following Government Notices:
 - Government Notice 1161 published in Government Gazette 39435; and
 - Government Notice 1161 published in Government Gazette 39435.

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3. The amendments are on the following:

- 3.1 Special dispensation for FET learners regarding a change in the offering of subjects in Grades 10-11 and in Grade 12
- 3.2 The compulsory offering of Mathematics with Accounting and Physical Sciences; and
- 3.3 The accommodation of independent schools by means of provisos in the *Regulations Pertaining to the National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12*;
- 3.4 The Implementation of Technology subjects with specialisation; and
- 3.5 The Implementation of South African Sign Language at Home Language level.

4. With regard to the implementation of the amendments the implementation dates are as follows:

- a) The Technology subjects with specialisation, namely Civil Technology, Electrical Technology and Mechanical Technology, as well as Technical Mathematics and Technical Science:
 - Grade 10 in 2016;
 - Grade 11 in 2017; and
 - Grade 12 in 2018.
- b) The Technology subjects **without specialisation**, namely Civil Technology, Electrical Technology and Mechanical Technology will be **phased-out** as follows:
 - Grade 10 in 2016;
 - Grade 11 in 2017; and
 - Grade 12 in 2018.
- (c) Schools currently offering both academic and technical pathways but do not meet the requirements of a technical school may, however, for a transitional period of three years commencing on 1 January 2016, continue offering the technical pathway of their choice. However, such schools must before the expiry date of this transitional arrangement in 2018, either comply with the requirements for a technical school as contemplated in the definition of a technical school, or revert to an academic pathway.

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- (d) South African Sign Language at Home Language level:
- Grades R, 1, 2, 3 and 9 in 2015;
 - Grades 4, 5, 6 and 10 in 2016;
 - Grades 7, 8, 11 in 2017; and
 - Grade 12 in 2018.


5. This Circular S15 of 2015 should be read in conjunction with the following policy documents:

- *National Policy Pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12;*
- *Regulations Pertaining to the National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12;*
- *National Policy Pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate examination;*
- *Regulations Pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate examination; and*
- *Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements (CAPS).*

The above National policy documents are available on the department website: www.education.gov.za under CAPS.

You are kindly requested to bring the contents of this **Circular** to the attention of all provincial and district officials, principals and teachers of both public and independent schools.

Yours sincerely



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