CIRCULAR NO 28 OF 2016

TO : DEPUTY DIRECTORS GENERAL
CHIEF DIRECTORS – HEAD AND CLUSTER OFFICES
DIRECTORS: HEAD OFFICE AND DISTRICTS
CHIEF, DEPUTY AND SENIOR EDUCATION SPECIALISTS
PRINCIPALS OF FET SCHOOLS
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES
SECRETARIES OF TEACHER UNIONS

FROM : SUPERINTENDENT-GENERAL: EDUCATION

DATE : 23 SEPTEMBER 2016

FINAL DECLARATION OF CURRICULUM STREAMS: RE- ORGANISATION AND SELECTION OF FUTURE CAREERS-ORIENTED SUBJECTS IN GRADES 10-12

1. PURPOSE

This circular should be read in conjunction with Circular 2/2016 entitled “Curriculum Streams re-organisation, Learner Guidance and Support towards Career-Oriented Subject Choices in Schools” dated 20 January 2016 and Curriculum Streamlining Guideline Grades 10-12. This circular intends to strengthen the ability of the schools to make short, medium and long term planning for the curriculum programmes and offering in their schools from Grades 10-12.

2. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The audit of the current Grade 12 subject streams and offerings in all the FET schools across the Province indicates that the efforts made by the Department at the beginning of 2016 academic year to start the journey of eliminating unviable and career-limiting curriculum streams in FET schools has not had the desired impact. The Department is nonetheless, mindful of the fact that this call is still new and has not settled in the education sector. It was received and understood differently by
different stakeholders in the education sector. The audit findings indicate that there has been an increase in the divergent curriculum streams from 1009 in 2015 to 2000 in 2016. The number of Grade 12 candidates with career-limiting subject combinations increased from 13 559 (15.1%) in 2015 to 16 796 (17.54%) in 2016. This became a very worrying revelation. It calls for immediate and intensive radical advocacy programmes on the streamlining of the curriculum streams in FET schools going forward within the education policy prescripts.

3. THE DECLARATION OF THE CURRICULUM STREAMS BY SCHOOLS FOR 2017

In order to track and control the run-away curriculum streams in all the FET schools in the province the Department of Education shall take the following steps with immediate effect:-

a. All schools shall complete the Declaration Form of the school curriculum streams that exist in the school from Grade 10-12 and the number of learners in each stream and the availability of teachers in each of the streams declared.

b. The Department shall examine the declared curriculum streams and provide a feedback to schools that offer unviable and career-limiting subject streams and combinations and recommend the apposite subject combinations to be implemented in each grade to ensure sustainability and effective teaching and learning in each school with meaningful subject combinations for the bright future of the learners.

c. The schools upon receiving their declaration forms, scrutinised and verified by the Department of Education and approved for the following academic year shall then be duly gazetted and published for the following academic year.

d. Once the approved subject combinations for each grade are gazetted they will remain valid for three years until the next application for review in the following manner:

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4. THE CRITICAL ACTIVITIES, DUE DATES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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Quality assurance, processing of the forms and the recommendations sent to Head Office | District Director, Management and Governance and Curriculum Management | 21 October 2016

Quality assurance and final processing of recommendations from Districts. | Integrated team from IDM and G, Curriculum and Scholar Support Services | 28 October 2016

Feedback to Districts and Schools on pre-final subject combinations for verification purpose. | Head office IDM and G and Curriculum Chief Directorates | 11 November 2016

Finalisation of the FET Curriculum Streams Declarations | Head office IDM and G and Curriculum Chief Directorates | 25 November 2016

Gazetting of the Final Declared Curriculum Streams for FET schools | Legal Section | 30 November 2016

5. CONCLUSION

Appropriate and relevant subject choices ensure that learners who have completed their National Senior Certificates qualifications have multiple opportunities for diverse study fields for the 21st century and job opportunities that are demanded by the modern economy. This circular is attempting to create the schooling system that is characterized by learners and teachers who are highly motivated; principals are that are effective managers who provide administrative and curriculum leadership and parents that are involved in the school their children attend. Schools are accountable, committed and professional teachers who have good knowledge of the subjects they teach.

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MS S.N. NETSHILAPHALA

DATE: 29/09/2016
### Declaration of Curriculum Streams - Grades 10 - 12

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#### Grade 10 Combinations
- Accounting
- Agri. Man. Practices
- Agricultural Science
- Agric. Technology
- Business Studies
- Civil Technology
- Com. App. Tech
- Consumer Studies

#### Grade 11 Combinations
- Accounting
- Agri. Man. Practices
- Agricultural Science
- Agric. Technology
- Business Studies
- Civil Technology
- Com. App. Tech
- Consumer Studies

#### Grade 12 Combinations
- Accounting
- Agri. Man. Practices
- Agricultural Science
- Agric. Technology
- Business Studies
- Civil Technology
- Com. App. Tech
- Consumer Studies

*Tick (✓) next to each subject for each subject combination. Space for 10 subject combinations are provided below for each grade. Strictly follow the Circulars 2 and 28 of 2016 when choosing subject combinations.*

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