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NATIONAL ASSESSMENT CIRCULAR NO. 2 OF 2019

SPECIAL CONDONATION DISPENSATION FOR LEARNERS IN THE SENIOR PHASE (GRADES 7-9)

1. The purpose of this circular is to clarify the application of the special condonation dispensation for learners in the Senior Phase (Grades 7-9) in 2019.
2. National Assessment Circular 1 of 2018 had the following conditions:
 - a) An adjustment of marks up to a maximum of 2% in three subjects,
 - b) A condonation in Mathematics to be applied where a learner has met all the requirements in respect of promotion from one grade to the next grade (i.e. Grade 7, 8 and 9), except has not attained a level 3 (40%) in Mathematics.

- c) Grade 9 learners who obtain a mark of below 30%, (after the condonation has been approved) must take Mathematical Literacy and not Mathematics in Grade 10.
- 3. In 2019, the special dispensation for mark adjustments is amended as follows:
 - (a) A mark adjustment of 2% is applied in a maximum of three subjects.
 - (b) Thereafter, the condonation in Mathematics must be applied. Where a learner has met all the requirements in respect of promotion from one grade to the next grade (i.e. Grade 7, 8 and 9), except has not attained a level 3 (40%) in Mathematics and therefore has to be retained, such a learner must be condoned in Mathematics. This implies that the Mathematics mark is condoned and the learner must be promoted to the next grade, if all other pass requirements are met.
 - (c) Grade 9 learners who obtain a condonation in Mathematics with mark of below 30%, (after the condonation has been approved) have the option of continuing with Mathematics in Grade 10. They may also opt to take Mathematical Literacy. Therefore, the previous restriction of only choosing Mathematical Literacy no longer applies.
- 4. On the mark schedule, the original mark attained by the learner in Mathematics must be indicated and the letter "C" must be inserted next to the mark to indicate that this mark has been condoned. The same would apply in the way the mark is reflected on the learner's report. On the learner's report, the following statement must appear:
"Mathematics mark has been condoned and the learner is promoted to the next grade."
- 5. The above condonation dispensation does not, in any way, change the subject programme requirements for the Senior Phase, as stipulated in *Paragraph 19 of the National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R–12,*

published as *Government Notices No. 1115 and 1116 in Government Gazette No. 36042 of 28 December 2012.*

6. This implies that Mathematics remains a compulsory subject taken by all learners but learners may be condoned in Mathematics.
7. The above condonation dispensation does not, in any way, change the other subject progression requirements for the Senior Phase, as stipulated in *Paragraph 21 of the National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R–12*, published as *Government Notices No. 1115 and 1116 in Government Gazette No. 36042 of 28 December 2012.*
8. Please note that the condonation dispensation is applicable in 2019 for Grades 7, 8 and 9.
9. The information in this circular must be timeously disseminated to schools, and circuits and districts must ensure that the above condonation dispensation is applied accurately across all schools in 2019.

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Yours sincerely,



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