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**TO: HEADS OF DEPARTMENT
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DELAY IN THE RELEASE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (SA-SAMS) VERSION 21.1.0 FOR THE RESULTING AND REPORTING OF (GET AND FET) LEARNER PERFORMANCE.

1. The Department of Basic Education (DBE) wishes to commend all school principals, district officials and provincial officials for their efforts in ensuring that the South African School Administration and Management System (SASAMS), is effectively utilised as a recording and reporting tool for learner performance across most school.
2. However, emanating from the revision of the Annual Teaching Plans (ATPs) and Programmes of Assessment (POAs) across all grades, and the associated amendments to Section 4 of the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS), major amendments to the SA-SAMS programme were required for 2021.
3. These amendments have a direct impact on the capturing of marks and the calculation of the School Based Assessment (SBA) marks for all learners, as well as the quarterly reporting of the learner assessment results.
4. One of the most significant additions to the Programme of Assessment (PoA), in 2021, is the inclusion of fixed weightings for all assessment tasks that are administered and this will ensure consistency in the computation of SBA marks across the various schools.

5. In most provinces, the Term report which is based on School Based Assessment (SBA), is issued at the end of Term 1 and therefore the delay in the release of SA-SAMS Version 21.1.0, will impact on the finalization of the Term 1 marks by schools before 23 April 2021, when schools close for the term.
6. In order to ensure that the amended SA-SAMS Version 21.1.0 accurately captures the amendments to the PoA, the DBE is subjecting the SA-SAMS Version 21.1.0 to a series of quality checks and verification by Curriculum Specialists, Examination, Assessment and EMIS officials.
7. Hence, the amended SA-SAMS Version 21.1.0 will only be released to Provincial Education Departments, on or before Monday, 19 April 2021.
8. The DBE apologises for this delay and hereby requests Provincial Education Departments (PEDS) to inform their schools accordingly. It is therefore proposed that the Term 1 reports be released at the beginning of Term 2 after the amendments to the SA-SAMS Version 21.1.0 have been issued and applied across all schools, in the computation of marks for Term 1.
9. If further clarity is required, kindly contact Dr RR Poliah at Tel: (012) 357 4149 or email: Poliah.R@dbe.gov.za
10. Your support in this urgent matter is greatly appreciated.



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