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### **CIRCULAR E17 OF 2023**

#### **EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE 2021 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION GUIDELINES (NSC)**

1. The National Senior Certificate (NSC) Examination Guidelines were approved by Umalusi and released for implementation for 2021, 2022 and 2023. This follows the amendment of Section 4 of the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements (CAPS).
2. The Examination Guidelines are scheduled to be reviewed on a three-year cycle to keep abreast with amendments to policies that affect curriculum and assessment/examinations. Given the conclusion of the three-year cycle, the Examination Guidelines were scheduled to be reviewed and subsequently released for implementation in the 2024 academic year.
3. However, the process of strengthening of the curriculum is currently unfolding and it is considered appropriate to await the finalisation of that process, before we make amendments to the Examination Guidelines. There are no changes to the CAPS for 2024. Therefore, the Examination Guidelines that were introduced in 2021 remain valid and must be implemented in 2024 in all the schools offering the Grade 12 National Senior Certificate.

4. The 2021 Examination Guidelines are available on the DBE's website.
5. It must be noted that for the subjects that have specific topics and content areas that are being taught and assessed over a three-year cycle, the 2021 topics and content areas will be taught and assessed for the 2024 academic year.
6. Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) are requested to disseminate this circular to all schools offering the NSC.
7. If there are any queries regarding this Circular these should be directed to Ms PE Ogunbanjo: Telephone 012 357 3909; Fax 012 328 6878; E-mail address: [Ogunbanjo.p@dbe.gov.za](mailto:Ogunbanjo.p@dbe.gov.za)
8. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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