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#### ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 23 of 2017 [FET]

**TO:** CHIEF DIRECTORS  
DIRECTORS  
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DISTRICT ASSESSMENT MANAGERS  
DISTRICT CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALISTS – PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT  
SUB DISTRICT MANAGERS  
SUB DISTRICT AOs  
CIRCUIT MANAGERS  
PRINCIPALS: ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
TEACHER UNIONS

**RE:** SIGNING OF GRADE 12 EXAMINATION PLEDGE

#### 1. ALL GR. 12 LEARNERS

- A pledge signing ceremony has been scheduled to take place at schools on the 13 October 2017 at 10:00.
- The rationale for the Pledge is to assist with the curbing and control of examination irregularities and is an attempt to adopt a more proactive rather than a reactive approach to the reduction of examination irregularities.
- The Pledge Signing Ceremony should be arranged to coincide with the orientation session of all Gr. 12 learners as part of the briefing on examination regulations and procedures.
- A pledge will be printed for each learner and distributed via District Assessment offices.
- School should make copies of the pledges after the signing and keep it at the school. The original is kept by the learner when receiving the admission letter and it with his/her admission letter.
- Annexure C must be filled by all Grade 12 schools and be sent to the Office of the Director Examinations via the District Examination Managers (DEM)

#### 2. ATTACHMENTS

See the documents attached:

- Annexure A: Guideline on the administration of the National Pledge Signing Ceremony by the 2017 NSC Learners
- Annexure B: The National Senior Certificate Examination Pledge  
Nasionale Seniorsertifikaat-Eksamen onderneming
- Annexure C Report Template

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PRINCIPALS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS OFFERING GRADE 10, 11 AND 12 IN 2017  
TEACHERS OF GRADE 10, 11 AND 12 IN 2017**

**CIRCULAR E21 OF 2017**

**PARTICIPATION IN THE PLEDGE SIGNING CEREMONY RELATING TO THE 2017 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION**

1. In 2013, the Council of Education Ministers (CEM) approved that candidates registered to write the National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination sign a pledge committing to comply with the Examination Code of Conduct applicable to all candidates.
2. The rationale for the Pledge is to assist with the curbing and control of examination irregularities and is an attempt to adopt a more proactive rather than a reactive approach to the reduction of examination irregularities.
3. The Pledge Signing Ceremony has been scheduled to take place on **Friday, 13 October 2017, at 10:00 am** at each of the public schools participating in the 2017 NSC examination. Independent schools writing the State NSC examinations must also be requested to participate in the Pledge Signing Ceremony.
4. Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) are requested to ensure that the Pledge Signing Ceremony takes place as scheduled, as adopting a uniform date and time for the signing of the Pledge, across the country will also assist in setting the national tone for the writing of the examination in all grades.
5. The Pledge Signing Ceremony should be arranged to coincide with the orientation session that all Grade 12 learners are normally subjected to as part of the briefing on examination regulations and procedures.

6. Find attached the NSC Examination Pledge (**Annexure A**) and Guidelines on the Administration of the National Pledge Signing Ceremony (**Annexure B**). The Guidelines will assist schools with the procedure to be followed at the Pledge Signing Ceremony.
7. PEDs are requested to ensure that all schools with candidates registered to write the 2017 NSC examination are provided with the copy of the Pledge and Guidelines for the administration of the Pledge Signing Ceremony, to enable them to participate in this nationwide initiative, which will serve to announce the commencement of the 2017 NSC examinations.
8. Candidates should be encouraged to participate in the Pledge Signing Ceremony, however participation is on a voluntary basis and candidates may not be forced or coerced into signing the pledge.
9. In light of the positive impact of the Pledge Signing Ceremony on the reduction of irregularities during the NSC examination in previous years, it is recommended that the signing of the pledge should also be extended to Grade 10 and 11 to ensure a uniform standard in the conduct of the examination in the Further Education and Training (FET) Band.
10. PEDs are advised to ensure that the schools arrange a special Pledge Signing Ceremony for Grade 10 and 11 prior to the commencement of their examination following the same approach adopted for Grade 12. The Pledge signed by the Grade 12 learners can be adapted for Grade 10 and Grade 11.
11. If there are any queries regarding the Pledge Signing Ceremony relating to the 2017 NSC examination, these should be directed to Mrs P Ogunbanjo, Telephone: (012) 357 3909; Fax (012) 328 6878; E-mail: [ogunbanjo.p@dbe.gov.za](mailto:ogunbanjo.p@dbe.gov.za).
13. Your co-operation and support in this matter is greatly appreciated.



MR SG PADAYACHEE

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: PLANNING, INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT

DATE: 2017/08/24



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### **GUIDELINES ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL PLEDGE SIGNING CEREMONY BY THE 2016 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES**

1. The National Pledge Signing Ceremony should take place on **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017** at **10:00 AM** at all participating schools.
2. Schools must make copies of the Pledge for each Grade 12 candidate.
3. Schools must inform Grade 12 candidates that the signing of the Pledge is voluntary. No candidate should be forced or coerced into signing the pledge against their will.
4. On the **13<sup>th</sup> October 2017**, a formal assembly of all Grade 12 candidates must be convened by the principal as part of their orientation and preparation for the conduct of the National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination.
5. During the principal's address the examination rules on the reverse side of the Admission Letter must be read out to candidates.
6. All candidates should be asked to read the Pledge aloud and in unison with each other. After the Pledge has been taken by all candidates, they should be allowed to sign it.
7. Where possible, copies of the signed Pledge should be made so that a copy can be retained by the school as part of the candidate's records.
8. Where it is NOT possible to make photocopies of the signed Pledges, then the original should remain with the Grade 12 candidates so that they can keep it in the same folder as their Admission Letter which must be in their possession for the duration of the 2017 NSC examination, so that it is a reminder of their commitment to conduct themselves with honesty and integrity during the 2017 NSC examination.
9. A special signing ceremony should also be arranged for Grade 10 and 11 learners prior to commencement of their examination, and a uniform pledge signing ceremony similar to the Grade 12 should be adopted.





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### NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION PLEDGE

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby solemnly pledge:

- (a) To do my best in the forthcoming examination so that I could achieve the personal and academic goals I have set for myself.
- (b) To focus on my studies and devote all my time to revise the work that I have covered during the course of the year and strengthen all the skills that I need to be successful in this examination.
- (c) I will also be supportive of my peers as we prepare in earnest for this examination.
- (d) I will not be deterred by personal or other circumstances as I strive to achieve my National Senior Certificate qualification.
- (e) I pledge to uphold the principles of honesty and integrity in this examination by:
  - (i) Complying with all the rules and regulations relevant to the National Senior Certificate examination.
  - (ii) Following the instructions of the invigilator during the writing of the examination.
  - (iii) Not being influenced, in any way, to cheat in the examination.
  - (iv) Not participating in any wrongdoing which includes, but not limited to: copying, being in possession of unauthorised material or electronic devices (example cell phone), accepting or providing assistance from/to another candidate, writing on behalf of another candidate or any other unauthorised action.
  - (v) Reporting any form of wrongdoing that I am aware of to the school principal.
- (f) I solemnly make this promise and acknowledge that this pledge is binding on my conscience

Name:			
Examination No:		ID No	
Centre Name			
District		AO	
Signature:			
Date:			

HOTLINENUMBER : 018 384 1715



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### NASIONALE SENIOR SERTIFIKAAT EKSAMEN-ONDERNEMING

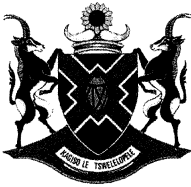
Ek \_\_\_\_\_ onderneem plegtig:

- (a) Om my beste in die komende eksamen te doen sodat ek die persoonlike en akademiese doelwitte kan bereik wat ek vir myself gestel het.
- (b) Om te fokus op my studies en al die tyd tot my beskikking te gebruik vir hersiening van die werk wat deur die jaar behandel is en sodoende my vaardighede wat ek nodig het vir sukses in die eksamen te verbeter.
- (c) Ek sal ook my mede-skoliere ondersteun tydens ons voorbereiding vir die eksamen.
- (d) Ek sal nie van stryk gebring word deur persoonlike of ander omstandighede in my strewe om die Nasionale Senior Sertifikaat kwalifikasie te verwerf nie.
- (e) Ek onderneem om die beginsels van eerlikheid en integriteit in hierdie eksamen na te volg deur:
  - (i) Te voldoen aan al die reëls and regulasies van toepassing tot die Nasionale Senior Sertifikaat-eksamen.
  - (ii) Die instruksies van toesighouers tydens die skryf van die eksamen uit te voer.
  - (iii) My nie te laat beïnvloed om op enige manier oneerlik te wees tydens die eksamen nie.
  - (iv) Nie deel te neem aan enige oneerlike praktyke wat insluit, maar nie beperk is nie tot: afskryf, besit van ongeoorloofde materiaal of elektoniese toerusting (bv. Sellulêre telefoon), aanbied (of aanvaar) van hulp aan/van ander kandidate, skryf namens ander kandidate of enige ander onwettige aksie.
  - (v) Enige vorm van oneerlikheid waarvan ek bewus raak aan die skoolhoof te rapporteer.
- (f) Ek maak hierdie onderneming plegtig, uit eie keuse en sonder enige onbehoorlike invloed op my gewete.

Naam:			
Eksamen No:		ID No:	
Sentrum naam			
Distrik		AO	
Handtekening:			
Datum:			

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Annexure C

#### REPORT TEMPLATE

Each school is to submit a short report using the attached template and email to Keamogetswe More @ [kcmore@nwpg.gov.za](mailto:kcmore@nwpg.gov.za) and/or Ramoroeng Moroeng @ [dmoroeng@nwpg.gov.za](mailto:dmoroeng@nwpg.gov.za)

SCHOOL	
CENTRE NUMBER	
SUB DISTRICT OFFICE	
DISTRICT	

Number of Gr. 12 learners	Number of learners that signed the pledge	Number of pledges signed in the presence of parent / Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

SCHOOL STAMP