

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. 981

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NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 27 OF 1996)

THE SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1996)

**CALL FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ON AMENDMENT OF THE NATIONAL  
POLICY PERTAINING TO THE PROGRAMME AND PROMOTION  
REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM STATEMENT  
GRADES R-12**

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, acting under section 3(4)(l) of the *National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996)* and 6A (1) of the *South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act No. 84 of 1996)*, and after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, intend to amend the Policy pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12. Interested persons or organisations are hereby invited to submit written comments on the amendments to the policy within 30 calendar days from the date of publication. Comments must be forwarded for the attention of Ms. C Weston by:

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**MRS ANGIE MOTSHEKGA, MP**  
**MINISTER**

**DATE:** 14/08/2020

## SCHEDULE

### GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE

[.....] Words in bold in square brackets indicate omissions from the existing policy.

\_\_\_\_\_ Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions into the existing policy.

### DEFINITIONS

In this policy, “policy” means the policy published as *Government Notices No. 1115 and 1116 in Government Gazette No. 36042 of 28 December 2012 as amended by Government Notices 499 and 500 (GG 36465 of 17 May 2013); Government Notice 564 (GG 37840 of 18 July 2014); Government Notices 625 and 626 (GG 37910 of 13 August 2014); Government Notices 236 and 237 (GG 38950 of 20 March 2015); Government Notice 1161 (GG 39435 of 20 November 2015); Government Notices 1496 and 1497 (GG 40472 of 2 December 2016); and Government Notice 1402 (GG 41321 of 15 December 2017)*

### **Amendment of Paragraph 28 of the National Policy pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R - 12**

(1) Paragraph 28 of the National Policy pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12, is hereby amended-

(a) by the deletion of the following Subparagraph:

**[ 5A Learners offering Sport and Exercise Science as a subject must offer either Physical Sciences or Life Sciences examination.]**

**Short title and commencement**

2. This policy is called the National Policy pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R - 12, 2020 and will come into effect on the date of publication in the Government Gazette.