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Dear Dr Le Roux

**PHASING OUT OF THE OFFERING OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC)  
EXAMINATION IN SWAZILAND AND ANYWHERE OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**


The offering of the National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations outside the borders of the Republic of South Africa is not accommodated in policy and regulations and is therefore contrary to the laws of the Republic.

In terms of the current *Regulations pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate (NSC)*, only the following candidates will be considered for the NSC examination conducted outside the borders of South Africa (SA):

- (a) candidates abroad who are citizens of the Republic of South Africa and registered for the NSC examination and who have fully complied with the School Based Assessment (SBA), Practical Assessment Tasks and Language Oral Assessment requirements, for the applicable subjects as contemplated in the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements of the various subjects;
- (b) children of diplomats or staff members of an embassy or consulate; and
- (c) candidates who represent the country or province in a recognised and registered form of sport or a cultural event.

Therefore, the Department of Basic Education (DBE) has taken a final decision to terminate the offering of the NSC examination outside the borders of the Republic of South Africa, except for the cases referred to above. This decision is the result of a lengthy review process by the Department regarding this issue, and issues around the security of the question papers have also influenced this decision. This means that the phasing out, will conclude in 2019, after which the NSC will be offered strictly in South Africa. Therefore, no Grade 10 learners should be registered for the NSC programme in Grade 10 in 2018.

Yours sincerely

  
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