

## DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. 1250

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**NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 27 OF 1996)****CALL FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM STAKEHOLDER BODIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE POLICY TO INCLUDE PRE-CONDITIONS FOR MULTIPLE EXAMINATION OPPORTUNITY**

1. I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, hereby, in terms of section 3(4)(l) of the *National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996)*, and after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, give my intention to amend the following policy document:

(a) *National Policy pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R–12*, promulgated as *Government Notices No. 1115 and 1116 in Government Gazette No. 36042 of 28 December 2012 (Schedule 1)*.

2. In view of the above, I therefore invite stakeholder bodies and members of the public to comment on the amendment to the Policy referred to in Paragraph 1(a) set out in the attached **Schedule**.

**AVAILABILITY OF THE DOCUMENTS**

3. The draft amendments are available on the Departmental website: [www.education.gov.za](http://www.education.gov.za), under **Resources, Legislation, and Call for Comments**.

**SUBMISSIONS**

4. It would greatly assist the Department of Basic Education if all submissions could be prepared under the headings of the Paragraph(s) listed in the **Schedule**.

**CLOSING DATE**

5. The closing date for the receipt of comments is set as **21 days** after publication of this Notice.

**ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSIONS**

6. Please send your submissions on **Schedule 2** to:

**Dr RR Poliah**  
**Chief Director**  
**For Attention: Ms Kelebogile Sechoaro**  
**Private Bag X895, PRETORIA, 0001**  
**Or**  
**E-mail: Sechoaro.k@dbe.gov.za**

7. The name, address, telephone number and fax number of the person or organisation responsible for submitting comments must be provided.

  
**MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP**  
**MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION**  
**DATE: 22.10.2017**

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In this schedule, "policy" means the policy published as *Government Notices No. 722 in Government Gazette No. 34600* of 12 September 2011 as amended-

*Government Notices 499 and 500 in Government Gazette, No. 36465* dated 17 May 2013;

*Government Notice 564 in Government Gazette, No. 37840* dated 18 July 2014;

*Government Notices 625 and 626 in Government Gazette, No. 37910* dated 13 August 2014;

*Government Notices 236 and 237 in Government Gazette, No. 38590* dated 20 March 2015;

*Government Notices No. 1160 and 1161 in Government Gazette, Vol.605, No. 39435* dated 20 November 2015

*Government Notices No.1496 and 1497 in Government Gazette, No. 40472* dated 2 December 2016.

**1. Amendment of Paragraph 29 of the Policy**

Paragraph 29 of the policy is hereby amended by-

The insertion, after paragraph 29(3) of the following sub-paragraph-

The following criteria should be satisfied by a learner before the learner is allowed to exercise the Multiple Examination Opportunity:

The Learner must:

- (a) be a progressed learner.
- (b) have completed all his/her SBA requirements in all seven subjects.
- (c) have attended school regularly (not absent for more than 20 days with a valid reason)
- (d) have written the Preparatory examination in all subjects.
- (e) have failed a minimum of three subjects.
- (f) The learner selecting the Multiple Examination Option must write a minimum of three subjects in his first year (excluding LO) and must have written all seven subjects by the second year.

**2. SHORT TITLE**

This Policy may be cited as *National Policy pertaining to the Programme and Promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12.*