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CIRCULAR E5 OF 2024

**AMENDMENT TO THE 2024 OCTOBER/NOVEMBER NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE
(NSC) EXAMINATION TIMETABLE.**

1. This circular must be read in conjunction with Circular E3 of 2024, which is entitled:
***THE 2024 OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EXAMINATION TIMETABLE AND RELEASE OF RESULTS OF
THE 2024 OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EXAMINATION.***
2. Subsequent to the release of Circular E3 of 2024, the Department of Basic Education (DBE) was informed that certain Religious Observances were not considered or incorrectly accommodated on the 2024 October/November Examination Timetable. The DBE apologises for this error.

3. The amended 2024 October/November Examination Timetable is attached. **Please note that the rest of the contents of Circular E3 of 2024, is still applicable.** For ease of reference, Circular E3 of 2024, is also attached.
4. For any enquiries relating to this circular, please contact the Chief Director: National Assessment and Public examinations (NAPE), Dr RR Poliah, telephone: (012) 357 3900, and/or email: Poliah.R@dbe.gov.za

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**NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC)
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE – 2024**

(Amended as at 14 June 2024)

WEEK 1	09:00	14:00
Monday 21/10	English HL P3 (3hrs) English FAL P3 (2½hrs) English SAL P3 (2½hrs)	Afrikaans HL P3 (3hrs) Afrikaans FAL P3 (2½hrs) Afrikaans SAL P3 (2½hrs)
Tuesday 22/10	Computer Applications Tech P1 (3hrs) Practical	Arabic, French, Italian, Mandarin, Modern Greek, Serbian, Spanish SAL P1 (2hrs) Latin SAL P1 (3hrs) Portuguese HL, FAL, SAL P1 (2hrs) Hebrew SAL P1 (2hrs), German HL, SAL P1 (2hrs)
Wednesday 23/10	Business Studies P1 (2hrs)	Information Technology P1 (3hrs) Practical
Thursday 24/10	isiZulu, isiXhosa, siSwati, isiNdebele HL P3 (3hrs), FAL P3 (2½hrs), SAL P3 (2½hrs)	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu HL P1 (2hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu FAL P1 (2hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu SAL P1 (2hrs)
Friday 25/10	Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P3 (3hrs), FAL P3 (2½hrs), SAL P3 (2½hrs) South African Sign Language HL P3 (3hrs)	Arabic, Italian, Mandarin, Modern Greek, Serbian, Spanish SAL P2 (2hrs) Latin SAL P2 (2hrs) Portuguese HL P2 (2½hrs), FAL, SAL P2 (2hrs) Equine Studies (3hrs)
WEEK 2	09:00	14:00
Monday 28/10	English HL P1 (2hrs) English FAL P1 (2hrs) English SAL P1 (2hrs)	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu HL P2 (2½hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu FAL P2 (2hrs) Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu SAL P2 (2hrs) Hebrew SAL P2 (2hrs) German HL P2 (2½hrs), SAL P2 (2hrs) Marine Sciences P1 (2½hrs)
Tuesday 29/10	History P1 (3hrs)	Engineering Graphics and Design P1 (3hrs) French SAL P2 (2hrs)
Wednesday 30/10	isiZulu, isiXhosa, siSwati, isiNdebele HL P1 (2hrs), FAL P1 (2hrs), SAL P1 (2hrs)	Business Studies P2 (2hrs)
Thursday 31/10	NON-EXAMINATION DAY	
Friday 01/11	Mathematics P1 (3hrs) Mathematical Literacy P1 (3hrs) Technical Mathematics P1 (3hrs)	Religion Studies P1 (2hrs) Sport and Exercise Science (3hrs)
WEEK 3	09:00	14:00
Monday 04/11	Mathematics P2 (3hrs) Mathematical Literacy P2 (3hrs) Technical Mathematics P2 (3hrs)	Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu HL P3 (2½hrs) FAL P3 (2½hrs) Portuguese, German HL P3 (2½hrs) Portuguese FAL P3 (2½hrs)
Tuesday 05/11	Geography (Climate and Weather, Geomorphology and Map Work) P1 (3hrs)	Computer Applications Tech P2 (Theory) (3hrs) Nautical Science P1 (3hrs)
Wednesday 06/11	Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P1 (2hrs), FAL P1 (2hrs), SAL P1 (2hrs) South African Sign Language HL P1 (2hrs)	Information Technology P2 (Theory) (3hrs)
Thursday 07/11	History P2 (3hrs)	Consumer Studies (3hrs) Hospitality Studies (3hrs)
Friday 08/11	Physical Sciences (Physics) P1 (3hrs) Technical Sciences P1 (3hrs)	Dramatic Arts (3hrs)

WEEK 4	09:00	14:00
Monday 11/11	Physical Sciences (Chemistry) P2 (3hrs) Technical Sciences P2 (1½hrs)	Dance Studies (3hrs)
Tuesday 12/11	isiZulu, isiXhosa, siSwati, isiNdebele HL P2 (2½hrs), FAL P2 (2½hrs), SAL P2 (1½hrs)	Economics P1 (2hrs)
Wednesday 13/11	English HL P2 (2½hrs) English FAL P2 (2½hrs) English SAL P2 (1½hrs)	Engineering Graphics and Design P2 (3hrs)
Thursday 14/11	Accounting P1 (2hrs)	Tourism (3hrs)
Friday 15/11	Life Sciences P1 (2½hrs)	Civil Technology (3hrs)
WEEK 5	09:00	14:00
Monday 18/11	Life Sciences P2 (2½hrs)	Visual Arts P1 (3hrs) Electrical Technology (3hrs)
Tuesday 19/11	Afrikaans HL P1 (2hrs) Afrikaans FAL P1 (2hrs) Afrikaans SAL P1 (2hrs)	Economics P2 (2hrs)
Wednesday 20/11	Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Xitsonga, Tshivenda HL P2 (2½hrs), FAL P2 (2½hrs), SAL P2 (1½hrs) South African Sign Language HL P2 (2½hrs)	Mechanical Technology (3hrs)
Thursday 21/11	Geography (Rural and Urban Settlements, Economic Geography of SA and Map Work) P2 (3hrs)	Religion Studies P2 (2hrs) Maritime Economics (3hrs)
Friday 22/11	Accounting P2 (2hrs)	Agricultural Sciences P1 (2½hrs)
WEEK 6	09:00	14:00
Monday 25/11	Afrikaans HL P2 (2½hrs) Afrikaans FAL P2 (2½hrs) Afrikaans SAL P2 (1½hrs)	Agricultural Sciences P2 (2½hrs) Nautical Science P2 (3hrs)
Tuesday 26/11	Music P1 Theory (3hrs) Agricultural Technology (3hrs)	Music P2 Comprehension (1½hrs)
Wednesday 27/11	Agricultural Management Practices (3hrs) Marine Sciences P2 (2½hrs)	Design P1 (3hrs)
Thursday 28/11	CAT P1 rewrite (3hrs) Practical IT P1 rewrite (3hrs) Practical	

	09:00
Monday 2 September	Life Orientation (LO CAT) (2½hrs)
12 August to 14 October	Performing Arts Practical
1 October to 14 October	Visual Arts and Design Practical

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CIRCULAR E3 OF 2024

THE 2024 OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EXAMINATION TIMETABLE AND RELEASE OF RESULTS OF THE 2024 OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EXAMINATION.

1. At the Council of Education Ministers (CEM) meeting held on Thursday, 7 March 2024, the 2024 October/November National Senior Certificate examination timetable (**ANNEXURE A**), and the date for the release of the results was discussed and approved.
2. The 2024 NSC examination timetable follows the same format as the 2023 October/November timetable except for the following two changes:
 - (a) Computer Applications Technology (CAT) Practical (P1) and Information Technology (IT) Practical (P1) will be written during Week 1 of the examinations, and not a week before the official commencement of the examinations.

- (b) In Week 1, Paper 3 for all the Official Languages (English, Afrikaans, isiZulu, isiXhosa, isiNdebele; Sesotho, Setswana, Sepedi, siSwati, Tshivenda, and Xitsonga), will be written. Paper 3 in all the Languages comprises: Creative Writing. **Candidates must be reminded that Paper 3 will be written, before Paper 1 and Paper 2.**
3. The examination officially commences on **21 October 2024** with the writing of English Home Language P3, English First Additional Language P3 and English Second Additional Language P3 and will conclude on **28 November 2024**.
 4. The examinations for Computer Applications Technology (CAT) Practical, Paper 1 and Information Technology (IT) Practical, Paper 1 are scheduled to be administered on **22 October 2024 and 23 October 2024 respectively**. The re-write opportunity for CAT and IT will take place on **28 November 2024**.
 5. The Life Orientation (LO) Common Assessment Task will be written on **Monday 2 September 2024**, with the re-write (i.e. LO Common Assessment Task) is scheduled for **Thursday 3 October 2024**.
 6. The Minister will announce the 2024 October/November examination results on **Wednesday, 15 January 2025** and the Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) will release the results of candidates on **Thursday, 16 January 2025**.
 7. The PEDs are requested to communicate the release date of the 2024 NSC October/November results through their normal communication channels.
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