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**CURRICULUM INSTRUCTION G04 OF 2021**

**TO:** DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
CHIEF DIRECTORS  
DIRECTORS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS  
CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALISTS  
EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS  
DEPUTY CHIEF/ SENIOR EDUCATION SPECIALISTS  
PRINCIPALS OF ALL PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS:  
GRADES 1-9  
TEACHERS  
TEACHER UNIONS/ ORGANISATIONS  
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

**DATE:** 20 APRIL 2021

**REVISED SUBJECT WEIGHTINGS FOR SBA IN GRADES 1-9**

This curriculum instruction must be read in conjunction with National Assessment Circular 01 of 2021, “IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2021 ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME IN MAINSTREAM AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS ACROSS THE GENERAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (GET) BAND” and the accompanying documents on formal assessment tasks for each phase in the GET Band, as released by the Department of Basic Education (DBE) on 19 April 2021.

1. The implementation and administration of the assessment programme per subject in Grades 1-9 has been aligned to the recovery Annual Teaching Plans (ATPs) released for use from 2021.
2. As in 2020, the emphasis in School Based Assessment (SBA) remains on utilising strategies aligned to an assessment for learning approach to assist learners to achieve the learning outcomes of each grade and subject. The summative assessment has therefore, been reduced to create space for more teaching time.
3. As a result, the June and end-of-year examinations in Grades 4 to 9 have been removed and replaced with controlled tests. The June controlled test should cover work from Term 1 and Term 2 and would form part of the Term 2 SBA, and the end-of-year controlled test should cover work from Term 3 and Term 4.



4. The attached DBE documents on the formal assessment tasks per phase indicate the assessment tasks, mark allocation and weightings to be applied in the Programme of Assessment for SBA per subject per grade in the GET Band (see **Annexures A, B and C**).

District directors and school principals must please ensure that all officials and Grade 1-9 educators receive the attached DBE circular and documents on formal assessment tasks, and that all schools and educators administer the formal assessment tasks and implement the weightings as published therein for the Programme of Assessment for SBA per subject.

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**CHIEF DIRECTOR: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT**  
**DATE: 20 April 2021**