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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**GENERAL NOTICE 707 OF 2021****DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002**

AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(3), READ WITH REGULATION 66A(1) AND 66A(4), OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002), REGARDING THE MARKING OF EXAMINATION SCRIPTS OF THE MAY/JUNE AND OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EXAMINATIONS AND MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION, ALL PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION, ALL EDUCATION DISTRICT OFFICES; ALL SCHOOLS AND MARKING CENTRES IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, in terms of regulation 4(3), read with regulation 66A(1) and 66A(4), of the Regulations made under the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), published under Government Notice No. R.480, in Government *Gazette* No. 43258 of 29 April 2020, as amended, hereby amend the Directions to provide guidelines to officials, educators and administration staff who are marking examination scripts and performing other functions related to the finalisation of the results of May/June and October/November Examinations and measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in the National Department of Basic Education, all Provincial Departments of Education, all education district offices, and all schools and marking centres in the Republic of South Africa, published under Government Notice No.1024, in Government *Gazette* No. 45297 of 11 October 2021, as amended, as set out in the Schedule.



MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP
MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION
DATE: 08 DECEMBER 2021

SCHEDULE

Definition

1. In this Schedule, the “Directions” means the Directions regarding the re-opening of schools and measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in the National Department of Basic Education, Provincial Departments of Education, and all schools in the Republic of South Africa, as published under Government Notice No. 42, in Government *Gazette* No. 44154 of 12 February 2021, amended under Government Notice No. 145, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44339 of 27 March 2021, Government Notice No. 224, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44486 of 23 April 2021, Government Notice No. 451, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44633 of 28 May 2021, Government Notice No. 393, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44779 of 29 June 2021, Government Notice No. 422, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44858 of 15 July 2021, Government Notice No. 442, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44922 of 1 August 2021, and under Government Notice No. 633, published in Government *Gazette* No. 45380 of 22 October 2021.

Amendment of direction 1 of Directions

2. Direction 1 of the Directions is hereby amended by the substitution for the definition of “Regulations” of the following definition:

“**Regulations**” means the Regulations made under section 3 of the Disaster Management Act, 2002, published under Government Notice No.R.480, in Government *Gazette* No. 43258 of 29 April 2020, as amended under—

- (a) Government Notice No. 608, published in Government *Gazette* No. 43364 of 28 May 2020;
- (b) Government Notice No. 714, published in Government *Gazette* No. 43476 of 25 June 2020;

- (c) Government Notice No. 763, published in Government *Gazette* No. 43521 of 12 July 2020;
- (d) Government Notice No. 846, published in Government *Gazette* No. 43577 of 31 July 2020;
- (e) Government Notice No. 891, published in Government *Gazette* No. 43620 of 17 August 2020;
- (f) Government Notice No. 999, published in Government *Gazette* No. 43725 of 18 September 2020;
- (g) Government Notice No. 1053, published in Government *Gazette* No. 43763 of 1 October 2020;
- (h) Government Notice No. 1104, published in Government *Gazette* No. 43825 of 21 October 2020;
- (i) Government Notice No.1199, published in Government *Gazette* No. 43897 of 11 November 2020;
- (j) Government Notice No.1290, published in Government *Gazette* No. 43964 of 3 December 2020;
- (k) Government Notice No.1346, published in Government *Gazette* No. 43997 of 15 December 2020;
- (l) Government Notice No.1370, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44009 of 17 December 2020;
- (m) Government Notice No.1421, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44042 of 24 December 2020;
- (n) Government Notice No. R. 1423, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44044 of 29 December 2020;
- (o) Government Notice No. R. 1424, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44045 of 29 December 2020;
- (p) Government Notice No. R. 1435, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44051 of 29 December 2020;
- (q) Government Notice No. R. 11, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44066 of 11 January 2021; and
- (r) Government Notice No. R. 69, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44130 of 1 February 2021;

- (s) Government Notice No. R. 93, published in *Government Gazette* No. 44159 of 13 February 2021;
- (t) Government Notice No. R. 117, published in *Government Gazette* No. 44184 of 24 February 2021;
- (u) Government Notice No. R. 151, published in *Government Gazette* No. 44201 of 28 February 2021;
- (v) Government Notice No. R. 152, published in *Government Gazette* No. 44201 of 28 February 2021;
- (w) Government Notice No. R. 284, published in *Government Gazette* No. 44367 of 30 March 2021;
- (x) Government Notice No. R. 378, published in *Government Gazette* No. 44485 of 22 April 2021;
- (y) Government Notice No. R. 424, published in *Government Gazette* No. 44574 of 14 May 2021;
- (z) Government Notice No. R. 477, published in *Government Gazette* No. 44642 of 30 May 2021;
- (Aa) Government Notice No. R. 530, published in *Government Gazette* No. 44715 of 15 June 2021;
- (Ab) Government Notice No. R. 532, published in *Government Gazette* No. 44721 of 17 June 2021;
- (Ac) Government Notice No. R. 564, published in *Government Gazette* No. 44772 of 27 June 2021;
- (Ad) Government Notice No. R. 565, published in *Government Gazette* No. 44772 of 27 June 2021;
- (Ae) Government Notice No. R. 567, published in *Government Gazette* No. 44778 of 29 June 2021;
- (Af) Government Notice No. R. 610 published in *Government Gazette* No. 44838 of 11 July 2021;
- (Ag) Government Notice No. R. 612, published in *Government Gazette* No. 44850 of 14 July 2021;
- (Ah) Government Notice No. R. 614, published in *Government Gazette* No. 44850 of 14 July 2021;

- (Ai) Government Notice No. R. 651, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44895 of 25 July 2021;
- (Aj) Government Notice No. R. 669, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44911 of 30 July 2021;
- (Ak) Government Notice No. R. 869, published in Government *Gazette* No. 45156 of 12 September 2021;
- (Al) Government Notice No. R. 953, published in Government *Gazette* No. 45222 of 26 September 2021;
- (Am) Government Notice No. R. 960, published in Government *Gazette* No. 45253 of 30 September 2021; and
- (An) Government Notice No. R. 1024, published in Government *Gazette* No. 45297 of 11 October 2021.”.

Purpose of Directions

3. The purpose of these Directions is to provide guidelines to officials, educators and administration staff who are marking examination scripts and performing other functions related to the finalisation of the results of May/June and October/November Examinations and the release thereof.

Amendment of direction 15 of Directions

4. Direction 15 of the Directions is hereby amended by the insertion after direction 15 of the following direction:

“15A. Health, safety and hygiene protocols for marking and assessments

- (1) Subject to regulation 69 of the Regulations, gathering at the workplace for purposes of work, such as the marking of the examination scripts and related functions of the May/June and October/November Examinations, will be conducted at designated centres.

- (2) Notwithstanding their COVID-19 vaccination status, all officials, markers, senior markers, deputy chief markers, chief markers, internal moderators and administrative staff must—
 - (a) wear a face mask;
 - (b) adhere to health and hygiene protocols issued by the Minister responsible for basic education;
 - (c) maintain a distance of at least one and a half metres from each other; and
 - (d) ensure that the space they are working in is well ventilated.
- (3) The number of persons, permitted at a venue at any one time is limited to the numbers as prescribed under the Regulations in respect of gatherings for the particular adjusted Alert Level at the time of marking, but where the venue is too small to hold the number of persons, as prescribed under the Regulations, observing the distance of one and a half metres from each other, then not more than 50 percent of the capacity of the venue may be used, for the purpose of marking and related functions, at that facility for the duration of the marking session and other related functions, subject to strict adherence to all health protocols and social distancing measures for COVID-19.
- (4) Officials, markers, senior markers, deputy chief markers, chief markers, internal moderators and administration staff, involved in the marking process and related functions may be accommodated over night at the marking centre where there are such facilities or at an appropriate facility that complies with all the health, safety and social distancing measures for COVID-19.
- (5) Officials, markers, senior markers, deputy chief markers, chief markers, internal moderators and administration staff, involved in the marking process and other officials involved in the capture, resulting and processing of the May/June and October/November Examinations must, in the event that an official has to travel within the curfew hours, have in their possession a permit which corresponds with Form 7 in Annexure A of the Regulations,

which will be issued by the Head of Department or the person duly authorised by him or her.

- (6) The details relating to the management of the marking and other related processes to ensure compliance with the COVID-19 Regulations are contained in the Protocol relating to the Marking of the May/June and October/November Examinations, which is available on the Department of Basic Education website, accessible through the following link:

<https://www.education.gov.za/Portals/0/Documents/Recovery%20plan%20page/MarkingProtocol2021.pdf>”.

Commencement

5. This amendment comes into operation on the date of publication thereof in the *Government Gazette*.