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CLARITY ON POLICY RELATING TO THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF SBA

This circular serves to clarify the *Regulations pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of Assessment for the National Senior Certificate*, with respect to the period of validity of School Based Assessment (SBA), Practical Assessment Task (PAT), Practical Assessment and Oral marks.

1. Regulation 7, sub-regulation (5) (page 14) in the *Regulations pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of Assessment for the National Senior Certificate (Government Gazette no. 31337 of 29 August 2008)* states that "The School-Based Assessment mark obtained by a repeat candidate in his or her last National Senior Certificate examination will be valid for a period of **three (3)** years after the completion of the National Senior Certificate examination written by the candidate".
2. In terms of this regulation, the School-Based Assessment (SBA) mark of a candidate that wrote the National Senior Certificate examination in 2008 is valid until 2011.
3. Regulation 7, sub-regulation (5) (page 16) in the *Regulations pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of Assessment for the National Senior Certificate* amended as *Government Notices No. 1327 and 1328 in Government Gazette, Vol. 522, No.31680 of 12 December 2008; and Government Notices 1041 and 1042 in Government Gazette, Vol.533, No.32678 of 3 November 2009*, states that "The School-Based Assessment, Practical Assessment Task (PAT), Practical Assessment and Oral marks obtained by a candidate in his or her last National Senior Certificate examinations will be valid for a period of **two (2)** years after the completion of the first National Senior Certificate examinations written by the candidate".

4. In terms of this regulation, the School-Based Assessment (SBA), Practical Assessment Task (PAT), Practical Assessment and Oral marks of a candidate that wrote the NSC examination in 2009 and in subsequent years will be valid for two years, after the date of the examination. This implies that for a candidate who wrote the examination in 2009, the SBA is valid until 2011 and for a candidate that wrote the NSC examination in 2010, the SBA is valid until 2012.
5. PEDs are urged to convey this information regarding the validity of SBA, PAT, Practical Assessment and Oral mark to all repeat candidates.
6. For any enquiries, please contact the Director: Examinations and Assessment, Dr RR Poliah, Tel: (012) 357 3900.
7. Your co-operation is highly appreciated.



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