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### **CIRCULAR E5 OF 2011**

#### **INFORMATION REGARDING THE NEW FORMAT OF THE LIFE SCIENCES NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) EXAMINATION: GRADE 12 2011**

1. Please take note of the attached Circular E16 of 2010 which provides the required information on the format of the Life Sciences National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination for Grade 12, 2011 which was issued on 1 November 2010
2. The attached circular provides the correct information required by teachers and learners for the above examination, and any other version of Circular E16 must be ignored.
3. Please ensure that candidates have the correct information relating to Paper 1 and Paper 2 of the Life Sciences examination as contained in paragraph (6) of the attached Circular E16 of 2010.
4. Provincial Education Departments are advised to ensure that all teachers and subject advisors of the Life Sciences receive and use the correct circular so that candidates are adequately prepared for the November 2011 NSC Life Sciences examination.

5. Any enquiries regarding the new format of the Life Sciences (NSC) examination should be directed to the acting Chief Director: National Assessment and Public Examinations, Dr RR Poliah: telephone 012 357 3900; fax 012 328 6878; e-mail [poliah.r@dbe.gov.za](mailto:poliah.r@dbe.gov.za).
6. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.



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