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TO: HEADS OF EXAMINATIONS

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COMBINATION OF RESULTS FOR CANDIDATES REPEATING THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE: 2008 AND 2009

COMBINATION OF NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE RESULTS

1. The 2009 cohort of candidates is the first group of candidates repeating the NSC. The rules relating to the NSC will apply in the issue of a qualification to these candidates. Therefore, a common understanding and application of the rules relating to the qualification is imperative in the combination of the results for such candidates.
2. The current statement of results does not indicate a combination of results for candidates that repeated the NSC as full time candidates or as part time candidates. However, the preliminary result schedule has been enhanced to indicate a combination of results, where applicable.
3. Therefore, in the case of candidates requesting a combination of results in 2010, a special Confirmation Letter (Annexure A), must be issued based on the following procedure:
 - (a) Print a set of preliminary schedule for all candidates in the province.
 - (b) Each request for a combination must be checked against the preliminary schedules, which will indicate the final combination.
4. In issuing a Special Confirmation Letter, the following must be noted:
 - (a) An improvement in a single subject that does not contribute to an overall improvement of a result will not be considered for a combination e.g. a candidate with an NSC with admission to a Bachelors degree and a Mathematics mark of 55% in 2008, who then improves his/her Mathematics mark in 2009 to 78%, will not be issued with Special Confirmation Letter. Such a candidate will be issued with a subject certificate by Umalusi, indicating the improvement in the subject.
 - (b) Where a candidate is irregular in the examination that the candidate is repeating, this result will not be combined with previous examination results.
 - (c) In cases where candidates have credits for Mathematical Literacy and Mathematics, the best subject percentage should be included in the final combination of results. In cases, where the same percentage was achieved in these two subjects, Mathematics will be considered for inclusion in the combination, rather than Mathematical Literacy.

- (d) In cases where candidates registered as part time candidates for the 2009 NSC examination, and are not linked to a previous record, no combination would be indicated on the prelim results report. These combinations should be determined taking into account the rules for qualifying for an NSC certificate. In this case, such combinations should be the responsibility of the system administrator, in order to control the validity in the issue of such combinations.

For any enquiries on the combination of results, please contact A Janse van Rensburg on (012) 312 5713 or jvanrensburg.a@doe.gov.za.

Your cooperation in this process is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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SNP SISHI
CHIEF DIRECTOR: NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS, ASSESSMENT AND MEASUREMENT
DATE: 2010/01/14

CC Mr B Soobrayan: Acting Director-General: Basic Education
Heads of Provincial Education Departments

ANNEXURE A

Provincial Letterhead

Address of Candidate

Dear Mr/Ms (soft coded per candidate)

CONFIRMATION OF COMBINATION OF NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE RESULTS

ID number/DOB (soft coded per candidate)

The Department hereby wishes to confirm the combination of your National Senior Certificate results.

Year	Examination Number	Subjects	Percentage %	Achievement Level
200811	123456	English Home Language	61	5
200811		Afrikaans First Additional Language	73	6
200811		Mathematics	70	6
200911	128954	Consumer Studies	84	7
200911		Computer Application Technology	30	2
200811		Life Orientation	70	6
200911		Business Studies	69	5
200811		Mathematics, Probability, Data Handling and Geometry	78	+
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Remarks:

The candidate qualifies for the national senior certificate and has met the minimum requirements for Admission to Bachelors' degree, Diploma or Higher certificate study as gazetted for Admission to Higher Education (Refer to Annexure B for correct wording)

A request should be submitted to the Provincial Department of Education for the issuing of a certificate as soon as the 2009 NSC examination has been certified by Umalusi.

Yours sincerely

Provincial designation of responsible person
e.g. Director: Examinations (same as statement of results)

DATE (the document is printed)

ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL PRESTASIEVLAK	ACHIEVEMENT DESCRIPTION PRESTASIEBESKRYWING	MARKS % PUNTE %
7	Outstanding achievement / Uitmuntende prestasie	80 – 100
6	Meritorious achievement / Verdienstelike prestasie	70 – 79
5	Substantial achievement / Beduidende prestasie	60 – 69
4	Adequate achievement / Voldoende prestasie	50 – 59
3	Moderate achievement / Matige prestasie	40 – 49
2	Elementary achievement / Basiese prestasie	30 – 39
1	Not achieved / Ontoereikende prestasie	0 – 29

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ANNEXURE B

1. The document will only be printed in English
2. The following wording should be used indicating the different levels on which a candidate has obtained the NSC:
 - 2.1 The candidate qualifies for the National Senior Certificate and has met the minimum requirements for admission to bachelors' degree, diploma or higher certificate study, as gazetted for admission to higher education.
 - 2.2 The candidate qualifies for the National Senior Certificate and has met the minimum requirements for admission to a diploma or higher certificate study, as gazetted for admission to higher education.
 - 2.3 The candidate qualifies for the National Senior Certificate and has met the minimum requirements for admission to higher certificate study, as gazetted for admission to higher.
 - 2.4 The candidate qualifies for the National Senior Certificate
 - 2.5 The candidate qualifies for the Endorsed National Senior Certificate for learners with special educational needs