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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

No. 339

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**NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 27 OF 1996)****ITEM FOR INCLUSION AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE *NATIONAL POLICY ON THE CONDUCT OF THE SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS: GRADE 11 SCHOOL CANDIDATES WHO OFFER SENIOR CERTIFICATE SUBJECTS AS PRIVATE CANDIDATES***

The Minister of Education, after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, hereby determines national policy in terms of *Section 3(4)(l) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996)*, relating to curriculum frameworks, core syllabuses and education programmes, learning standards, examinations and the certification of qualifications, that:

- (a) an item be included as an addendum to the *National Policy on the Conduct of the Senior Certificate Examinations*; and
- (b) this addendum be published in the Government Gazette.

The item to be included as an addendum to the *National Policy on the Conduct of the Senior Certificate Examinations* will read as follows:

“Grade 11 public school candidates who wish to enrol for the Senior Certificate examination in certain subjects as private/part-time candidates with the intention of obtaining a Senior Certificate with more than the

minimum of six subjects, will be allowed to do so subject to the following conditions:

- (i) This practice will be allowed to continue until the new policy on Curriculum 2005 is in place.
- (ii) Candidates will only be allowed to write the Senior Certificate subjects in Grade 11 that are additional to the six subjects to be written in the Grade 12 year.
- (iii) Provincial education departments have to be informed by the schools when Grade 11 candidates offer Senior Certificate subjects as private/part-time candidates.
- (iv) When the candidate offers his/her Senior Certificate subjects in his/her Grade 12 year, the candidate is entered as a full-time candidate.
- (v) The part-time results and the full-time results may be combined."

He further gives notice in terms of *Section 7* of the said Act that this policy is obtainable upon written request from the Director-General, Department of Education, Private Bag X895, Pretoria, 0001. For attention Mrs C.C. Dicks at telephone (012) 312-5810 or fax (012) 323-8070.

Prof. Kader Asmal, MP

Minister of Education

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