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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

No. 1052

6 November 2009

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 84 of 1996)


AMENDED NATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL FUNDING

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, in terms of the sections 35 and 39 of the South African Schools Act, 1996, (Act 84 of 1996) and paragraph 110 of the National Norms and Standards for School Funding (NNSSF), after consultation with the Minister of Finance and the Council of Education Ministers, hereby publish amendments to the National Norms and Standards for School Funding. The National Norms and Standards for School Funding were published in Government Notice No. 890, Government Gazette No. 29179 of 31 August 2006, corrected by Government Notice No. 1282, Government Gazette No. 29473 of 14 December 2006, amended by Government Notice No. 26, Government Gazette No. 30679 of 18 January 2006 and further amended by Government Notice No. 1089, Government Gazette No. 31498 of 17 October 2008.

The National Norms and Standards for School Funding are hereby amended by -

- (a) updating the National Targets Table (Par. 109 of NNSSF) to include 2011 and 2012 indicative target amounts; and
- (b) declaring all learners in quintiles 1 to 3 schools to be in no fee schools.

The amendments are contained in the Schedule. The effective date for implementation of this amendment will be 1 January 2010.



Angie Motshekga, MP
Minister of Basic Education

Date: 09 June 2009

SCHEDULE

The National Targets Table published in Government Notice No. 1089, Government Gazette No. 31498 of 17 October 2008 is hereby updated below. The no fee threshold is also hereby updated to be the quintile 2 target amount effective from 2010, which will be R784 in 2010:

National table of targets for the school (2010 – 2012)

	2010	2011*	2012*
NQ 1	R 855	R 901	R 943
NQ2	R 784	R 826	R 865
NQ3	R 641	R 675	R 707
NQ4	R 428	R 451	R 472
NQ5	R 147	R 155	R 162
Overall	R 571	R 602	R 630
No fee threshold	R 784	R 826	R 865

* Indicative – CPIX inflation rate adjusted

[2011 and 2012 figures inflation adjusted – CPIX inflation - National Treasury: Budget Review]

No new data is available to update the national poverty distribution table (Par. 112) of the National Norms and Standards for School Funding. The table, which was published in the Government Gazette No. 31498 of 17 October 2008 reproduced below, therefore remains the basis for the national poverty targeting for 2010:

National poverty distribution table						
National quintiles						
	1 (poorest)	2	3	4	5 (least poor)	Total
Eastern Cape	28.2	21.7	19.7	17.4	13.1	100%
Free State	19.7	22.0	18.9	21.8	17.6	100%
Gauteng	12.7	15.4	19.3	23.0	29.6	100%
KwaZulu-Natal	20.9	22.2	21.1	20.2	15.4	100%
Limpopo	28.1	24.7	23.9	15.6	7.6	100%
Mpumalanga	25.3	22.4	21.0	18.7	12.7	100%
Northern Cape	22.3	22.6	21.6	20.6	12.9	100%
North West	23.5	23.4	18.7	17.0	17.3	100%
Western Cape	9.5	13.6	16.9	22.1	37.9	100%
South Africa	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	100%

In terms of section 39(7) of the South African Schools Act, I hereby, declare all learners in quintiles 1 to 3 (60% of the public school learners nationally) to be in no fee schools for 2010.

A breakdown of the 60% of learners in national quintiles 1 to 3 for 2010 is given below per province:

National poverty distribution table			
	1 (poorest)	2	3
National quintiles			
Eastern Cape	28.2	21.7	19.7
Free State	19.7	22.0	18.9
Gauteng	12.7	15.4	19.3
KwaZulu-Natal	20.9	22.2	21.1
Limpopo	28.1	24.7	23.9
Mpumalanga	25.3	22.4	21.0
Northern Cape	22.3	22.6	21.6
North West	23.5	23.4	18.7
Western Cape	9.5	13.6	16.9
South Africa	20%	20%	20%

In declaring fee charging schools as no fee schools, the PED needs to inform all the quintile 3 schools that they will be declared no fee schools from 1 January 2010. Schools should be given an opportunity of motivating why they should not be declared no fee schools. If from the motivation it can be proven that the school is actually placed in an incorrect quintile, then the PED should adjust the quintile of the school to either quintile 4 or quintile 5.

The PED must provide the schools with a deadline to submit such motivation and ensure that each school is informed of the outcome of its appeal before 15 November 2009.

The funds made available as a result of the decline of some quintile 3 schools to be declared no fee schools, could be used by the PED to offer quintile 4 and quintile 5 schools no fee status at the threshold level of R784 voluntarily.