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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

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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 section 35 read with section 39(7) of the South African Schools Act, 1996, (Act 84 of 1996) and with paragraphs 110 and 112 of the National Norms and Standards for School Funding (NNSF), after consultation with the Minister of Finance and the Council of Education Ministers, hereby publish amendments to the NNSF. The NNSF were published in Government Notice No. 890, Government Gazette No. 29179 of 31 August 2006.

The NNSF are hereby amended by updating the:

1. National Targets Table (Par. 109 of the NNSF) to include 2018 and 2019 indicative target amounts; and the
2. National Poverty Distribution Table (Par. 111 of the NNSF).

The amendment is contained in the Schedule. The effective date for implementation of this amendment will be 1 January 2017.


MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP
Minister of Basic Education

Date: 04. 04. 2017

SCHEDULE

In terms of Paragraph 110 of the NNSSF, the National Targets Table published in Government Gazette No. 40065 Government Notice No. 718, of 10 June 2016 is hereby updated to include 2019 target amounts. The no fee threshold will be R1,243 in 2017:

National table of targets for the school allocation (2017 – 2019)

	2017	2018*	2019*
NQ1	R 1,243	R 1,316	R1,394
NQ2	R 1,243	R 1,316	R1,394
NQ3	R 1,243	R 1,316	R1,394
NQ4	R 623	R 660	R699
NQ5	R 215	R 228	R241
No fee threshold	R 1,243	R 1,316	R1,394
Small schools: National fixed amount	R 28,791	R 30,490	R32,289

* 2018 and 2019 figures inflation adjusted – CPI projected inflation rate adjusted

No new data is available to update the national poverty distribution table (Paragraph 111 of the NNSSF) In terms of Paragraph 112 of the NNSSF. The table which was published in Government Gazette No. 40065 of 10 June 2016, therefore remains the basis for the national poverty targeting in 2017:

National Poverty Distribution Table						
%	Quintiles					Total
	1 poorest	2	3	4	5	
EC	27.3	24.7	19.6	17	11.4	100%
FS	20.5	20.9	22.4	20.8	15.4	100%
GP	14.1	14.7	17.9	21.9	31.4	100%
KZN	22.1	23.2	20.2	18.7	15.8	100%
LP	28.2	24.6	24.2	14.9	8	100%
MP	23.1	24.1	21.5	17.7	13.5	100%
NC	21.5	19.3	20.7	21.4	17.1	100%
NW	25.6	22.3	20.8	17.6	13.7	100%
WC	8.6	13.3	18.4	28	31.7	100%
SA	20	20	20	20	20	100%

In terms of section 39(7) of the South African Schools Act, I hereby determine all learners in quintiles 1 to 3 (60% of the public school learners nationally) to be in no fee schools for 2017.

If funds are available, and after taking into consideration the possible funding implications this may have on other poverty related programmes involving no fee schools, the PED may offer Q4 and Q5 schools no fee status at least at the threshold level of R 1,243 voluntarily. In declaring these fee charging schools as no fee schools, the Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) need to ensure all these schools are informed that they will be declared no fee schools from 1 January 2017. PEDs also need to ensure that these schools have informed parents of the change.

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