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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NOTICE 304 OF 2020

**DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002**

**AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(3) OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 27(2) OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002) REGARDING THE RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS AND MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION, ALL PROVINCIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS, ALL EDUCATION DISTRICT OFFICES AND ALL SCHOOLS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, in terms of regulation 4(3) of the Regulations made under section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), as published under Government Notice No. R.480, in *Government Gazette* No. 43258 of 29 April 2020, as amended by the Regulations published under Government Notice No. R.608, in *Government Gazette* No. 43364 of 28 May 2020, hereby issue the directions in the Schedule.



**MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP**  
**MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION**  
**DATE: 01 JUNE 2020**

## SCHEDULE

### Definitions

1. In this Schedule, the "Directions" means the Directions regarding the re-opening of schools and measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in the Department of Basic Education, all provincial education departments, all education district offices and all schools in the Republic of South Africa, as published under Government Notice No. 302, in *Government Gazette* No. 43372 of 29 May 2020.

### Amendment of direction 1 of Directions

2. Direction 1 of the Directions is hereby amended by the insertion after "Disaster Management Act" of the following definition:

"“ECD” means a learner in Grade R or lower in a school;”

### Amendment of direction 4 of Directions

3. Direction 4 of the Directions is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for subdirection (1) of the following subdirection:

“(1) The phased in return of learners, educators and officials to school will be as follows:

GRADES	RETURN TO SCHOOL DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 7;</li> <li>• Grade 12; and</li> <li>• School of Skills: Year 4</li> </ul>	1 June 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECD;</li> <li>• Grade 1;</li> </ul>	6 July 2020

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 2;</li> <li>• Grade 3;</li> <li>• Grade 6;</li> <li>• Grade 10;</li> <li>• Grade 11;</li> <li>• School of Skills: Years 2 and 3;</li> <li>• Schools for Learners with Severe Intellectual Disabilities ("SID"): Grades R, 1, 2, 3 and 6; and</li> <li>• Special Care Centres for Learners with Severe and Profound Intellectual Disabilities ("LSPID"): Years 1-3.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 4;</li> <li>• Grade 5;</li> <li>• Grade 8;</li> <li>• Grade 9;</li> <li>• School of Skills: Year 1; and</li> <li>• Schools for Learners with Severe Intellectual Disabilities ("SID"): Grades 4 and 5.</li> </ul>	<p>3 August 2020</p>

(b) by the insertion after subdirection (1) of the following subdirections:

"(1A) A school may be permitted to deviate from the phased in return to school in respect of specific Grades or dates, as contemplated in subdirection (1): Provided that such school—

(a) complies with the minimum health, safety and social distancing measures and requirements on COVID-19, referred to in the Directions and the Regulations; and

- (b) applies prior to implementing such deviation, on a form that substantially corresponds with Annexure B, to the Head of Department responsible for education in a province, for approval of such deviation.
- (1B) The Minister, head of department or a delegated official or institution reserves the right to monitor compliance with the conditions set for the re-opening and management of schools.”;
- (c) by the insertion after subdirection (2) of the following subdirection:
  - “(2A) Aftercare facilities that are associated with schools, including aftercare facilities in education support centres, are allowed to re-open with schools, as contemplated in subdirection (1): Provided that they comply with the minimum health, safety and social distancing measures and requirements on COVID-19, referred to in the Directions and the Regulations.”; and
- (d) by the insertion after subdirection (3) of the following subdirection:
  - “(3A) The education department must make arrangements with a school as contemplated in subdirection (3), for learners to receive ongoing teaching and learning to ensure that education continues in accordance with the curriculum and that a learner is not disadvantaged by the school not re-opening.”.

#### **Amendment of direction 10 of Directions**

#### **4. Direction 10 of the Directions is hereby amended—**

- (a) by the substitution for subdirection (4), of the following subdirection:



“(4) Schools with large enough facilities to comply with health, safety, and social distancing requirements—

- (a) are exempted from subdirection (2); and
- (b) do not have to change their traditional and daily timetable models, and may continue to operate in accordance with those timetable models:

Provided that they continue to ensure compliance with the minimum health, safety, and social distancing measures and requirements on COVID-19 as set out in the Directions and the Regulations.”; and

(b) by the deletion of subdirections (5) and (6).”.

**Amendment of Annexure A to Directions**

5. Annexure A to the Directions is hereby substituted for the following Annexure:

**“ANNEXURE A  
CERTIFICATE FOR LEARNERS ATTENDING SCHOOL WITHIN THEIR  
METROPOLITAN AREA OR DISTRICT**

[Issued in terms of direction 6(6)]

*To be completed by the principal or a person authorised by the principal*

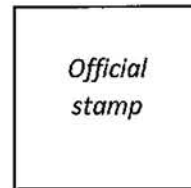
I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and surname), the principal or authorised person, of:

Full name of school:	
Full physical address of school:	
Contact number of school:	

hereby issue this certificate to the following learner confirming enrolment at the school to enable the learner to travel to and from school within the learner's metropolitan area or district:

Full names:	
Surname:	
Full address of place of residence of learner:	

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal or authorised person issuing

**Addition of Annexure B to Directions**

6. The following Annexure is hereby added after Annexure A to the Directions:

**"ANNEXURE B**

**APPLICATION FOR DEVIATION FROM PHASED IN RETURN TO SCHOOL**

[Application in terms of direction 4(1A)]

*(Complete school particulars and attach proof of compliance with the health, safety and social distancing requirements)*

*To be completed by the principal, chairperson of the board or person authorised by the principal:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and surname), the principal / chairperson of the board / authorised person (*delete whichever is not applicable*), of: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of school),

hereby apply for a deviation from the phased in return to school, as contemplated in direction 4(1A) of the Directions.

**School particulars**

Province:	
District:	
Circuit:	
Name of School:	
EMIS Number:	
Principal's Name and Surname:	
Tel / Cell No:	
E-mail Address:	

Highest Grade:	
Lowest Grade:	
Number of learners:	

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal, chairperson of the board or  
authorised person applying for deviation or exemption



**Commencement**

7. This amendment Notice comes into operation on the date of publication thereof in the *Government Gazette*.