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REPEAL OF LIFE SCIENCES AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES AS PROVISIO FOR OFFERING SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE (SPSC)

1. Sport and Exercise Science has been offered as an optional, nondesignated subject in the National Senior Certificate (NSC) since 2010, starting with the first Grade 10 cohort in 2008.
2. The Regulations pertaining to the NSC Grades R – 12 published under Government Gazette 36041 of 28 December 2012 and the Policy pertaining to the Promotion and Programme Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12 published under Government Gazette No.36042 of 28 December 2012 stipulate that learners offering Sport and Exercise Science as a subject must offer either Physical Sciences or Life Sciences.
3. The proviso deterred a number of learners from offering Sport and Exercise Science as an additional subject and led to a decline in learner numbers.

4. The Minister of Basic Education called for written submissions from stakeholder bodies and members of the public on the proposal to amend policy and regulation by means of *Government Gazette No. 43702* of 11 September 2020.
5. Submissions received from the stakeholders were in favour of the removal of the proviso.
6. On 17 December 2020, the Minister officially signed the Government Notices to revoke the proviso restricting Sport and Exercise Science to learners offering either Physical Sciences or Life Sciences only.
7. The revocation of the proviso comes into effect from 01 January 2021. A learner in Grade 10 to 12 can now offer Sport and Exercise Science without offering either Physical Sciences or Life Sciences.
8. You are therefore requested to bring content of this circular to the attention of all provincial and district officials, principals and teachers of both public and independent schools, and relevant stakeholders.



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