



## basic education

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**TO: HEADS OF PROVINCIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS  
HEADS OF DIFFERENT EDUCATION UNITS/DEPARTMENTS  
PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HOME EDUCATION  
DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND OFFICIALS  
CIRCUIT MANAGERS  
SCHOOL PRINCIPALS  
HOME EDUCATION COMMUNITY**

### **CIRCULAR NO 14 OF 2025**

#### **WITHDRAWAL OF CIRCULAR S14 OF 2020**

1. The purpose of this circular is to formally withdraw Circular S14 of 2020, which provided guidance on the adjusted strategy for the implementation of the Policy on Home Education in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Circular S14 of 2020 was issued by the Department of Basic Education (DBE) to guide Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) on the temporary relaxation of certain policy provisions that posed challenges to the implementation of the Policy on Home Education, particularly in relation to the registration of learners for home education during the national state of disaster.
3. The circular also introduced the establishment of Joint Liaison Committee (JLC) structures, aimed at facilitating cooperation between PEDs and stakeholders in

addressing operational and administrative matters associated with the implementation of the Policy on Home Education.

4. In light of the termination of all COVID-19 regulations and restrictions, most learners have since returned to conventional schooling, and the implementation of the Policy on Home Education has reverted to its original form as contemplated prior to the pandemic. Consequently, Circular S14 of 2020 has served its intended purpose and is hereby withdrawn with immediate effect, from the date of signature of this circular.
5. Provincial Education Departments are, however, encouraged to continue engaging with parents of learners registered for home education and the broader home education community, through mechanisms and forums appropriate to their operational needs and provincial context.

Yours sincerely

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**MR HM MWELI**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**  
**DATE: 06/09/2025**