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PRINCIPALS AND STAFF OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS
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**2024 GENERAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE (GEC) FIELD TRIAL IN SAMPLED SCHOOLS
(EXAMINATION INSTRUCTION E23/2024)**

This Examination Instruction should be read with E01/2024 and E02/2024.

1. INTRODUCTION

The implementation of the General Education Certificate (GEC) is one of the Education Sector's priorities of the sixth administration. The GEC is seen as an important qualification that will improve career pathing, employability and it will reduce dropout rates of South African youth. It also allows for learners to be recognised after 10 years of schooling (Grades R – 9) for curriculum attainment, general capabilities and talents.



To achieve this goal, the GEC Assessment model has been designed to have three (3) integrated components: School-Based Assessment with an Integrated Common Assessment Task (ICAT), Standardised Curriculum Test and Inclinations Assessment.

2. PURPOSE

The General Education Certificate (GEC) forms part of the National Assessment Framework (NAF) and will assist learners in establishing pathways after 10 years of schooling which include the Occupational Stream, Vocational Stream and Academic Stream.

3. MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE GEC

The broad goals of the GEC are articulated as follows:

- Recognise the holistic skill-set for learners over schooling in the GET;
- Set appropriate curriculum standards to be achieved at the end of Grade 9;
- Enable learners to access further education streams linked to the 3-stream model;
- Integrate and facilitate the assessment of 21st century skills (critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration and communication); and
- Award learners a report card/certificate that reflects the skills, talents and competencies that will be inclusive to all learners and assist them in their transition from school to work or further education.

4. GEC ASSESSMENT MODEL AND ADMINISTRATION

The GEC comprises of Curriculum Standardised Tests, Integrated Project Assessment and Inclination Assessment. The Integrated Common Assessment Task is in the form of a project.

4.1 CURRICULUM TESTS

The Curriculum tests will be administered according to a common time table in the following Grade 9 subjects: namely **Setswana Home Language, English Home Language, Afrikaans Home Language, Afrikaans First Additional Language, English First Additional Language, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Economic and Management Sciences.**

The tests will be administered from 14 November until 22 November 2024.

The Curriculum test will be set according to the annual teaching plan. The setting will be done by the Department of Basic Education and will be distributed to sampled schools by the Northern Cape Department of Education (NCDoE). The test will be marked internally at school level and will be moderated at school, district, provincial and national level.

The Curriculum Tests will be administered in Term 4, which will replace the control tests in Term 4. Marks will be used for promotion purposes.



4.2 INTEGRATED PROJECT ASSESSMENT

Integrated Project Assessment will be administered in Term 3. Projects are completed in class during the hours allocated in the Grade 9 subjects. Teachers are expected to work together to plan ahead to support each other in scaffolding the learning that takes place during the project. Projects were set according to the Annual Teaching Plans of different subjects. It will be administered in Term 3 from **9 July to 20 September 2024**. It is set nationally and will be sent to schools for duplication and administration. This project replaces a project in Term 3.

4.3 INCLINATION ASSESSMENT

Inclination Assessment is a digital assessment that will be done by all Grade 9 learners. The school will require digital devices to administer inclination assessment for each learner. Assessment will be administered from **9 July to 20 September 2024**.

5. SAMPLED SCHOOLS

One hundred and ninety three (193) schools in the province have been sampled by the DBE to take part in the field trial. Please find attached the list of sampled schools for 2024 as **Annexure A**.

6. EXPECTATIONS FROM SAMPLED SCHOOLS

- Schools are expected to nominate a GEC School Coordinator from the School Management Team. The School Coordinator will be expected to attend the GEC meeting and provide feedback in that regard.
- The School Coordinator must sit with the principal to complete the stats for the 2024 subjects and enrolment in Grade 9.
- The form is attached as **Annexure B**.
- The form must be completed and signed off by the principal.
- The School Coordinator must ensure that all teachers complete **Annexure C** for preparations of the training.
- All Grade 9 teachers must attend the training to be held from **20 May to 28 June 2024**. Training will be conducted in clusters which includes holidays.

Districts are expected to:

- Attend training arranged for Subject Advisors;
- Conduct training for teachers;
- Provide support regarding the implementation of the integrated project.
- Monitor and support the sampled schools in the subjects listed above;
- Ensure that the schools implement assessments as per the national prescripts; and
- Facilitate the overall success of GEC Field Trials.
- Submit monitoring reports on a monthly basis.



7. MANAGEMENT PLAN

DATE	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS
5 April 2024	Submission of Annexure B	Sampled Schools
5 April 2024	Submission of Annexure C	Sampled Schools
19 April 2024	Consolidated list of Annexure A and B to Head Office	District Officials
18 April – 30 April 2024	Advocacy for sampled schools and feedback report	District Officials
15 – 19 April 2024	Training of Master Trainers	DBE
6 – 10 May 2024	Training of District Officials	DBE
14 – 15 May 2024	Planning Meeting with District Subject Advisors	PED District Officials
20 May – 28 June 2024	Training of teachers regarding GEC	PED District Officials School Coordinators Teachers of Sampled Schools
9 July – 20 September 2024	Administration of Integrated Project	Sampled Schools
10 June – 20 September 2024	Administration of Inclination Assessment	Sampled Schools
14 – 22 November 2024	GEC Administration and Monitoring of Curriculum Test	PED District Officials Sampled Schools
14 – 22 November 2024	Marking Guideline Discussions	District
14 – 26 November 2024	Marking and Moderation at School Level	Sampled Schools
27 November 2024	Collection of answer scripts for district moderation	District Officials
28 November – 6 December 2024	GEC District and Provincial Moderation	District Officials Provincial Officials
9 – 10 December 2024	Packing, Sorting and Distribution of answer scripts	District Officials Provincial Officials
12 December 2024	Distribution of answer scripts to DBE	Provincial Officials

8. CONCLUSION

Please find attached the list of sampled schools. The Principals' letter from the Department of Basic Education (DBE) is also attached.



For any queries please contact **Ms MC Dikgomo at (053) 839-6318/9** or **Ms Attie Maribe at (053) 839-6431**, the Curriculum Coordinators and Subject Advisors of the subjects as indicated above.

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John Taolo Gaetsewe	(053) 773-9683	Mr P Dichabe
	(053) 773-9683	Ms R van Rooyen
	(053) 773-9681	Ms N Manabile
Namakwa	(027) 718-8605	Ms C van Sitters
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You are herewith kindly requested to bring the contents of this Examination Instruction to the attention of all stakeholders.

Your cooperation in this regard is highly appreciated.

Regards



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SAMPLED SCHOOLS FOR GEC: ANNEXURE A GRADE 9

This information must be read with the attached Examination Instruction number
E23/2024

NO	DISTRICT	NAME OF SCHOOL	GRADE
1.	Frances Baard	Adamantia High School	9
2.	Frances Baard	Northern Cape High School	9
3.	Frances Baard	Homevale Secondary School No1	9
4.	Frances Baard	Tlhwahalang Secondary School	9
5.	Frances Baard	Mogomotsi Secondary School	9
6.	Frances Baard	Vuyolwethu Secondary School	9
7.	Frances Baard	Valspan High School	9
8.	Frances Baard	St Boniface High School	9
9.	Frances Baard	Hartswater High School	9
10.	Frances Baard	Tetlanyo Secondary School	9
11.	Frances Baard	Banksdrift Secondary School	9
12.	Frances Baard	Reakantswe Secondary School	9
13.	Frances Baard	Tshireleco Secondary Public School	9
14.	Frances Baard	Dr EP Lekhela Secondary School	9
15.	Frances Baard	Emang Mmogo Comprehensive School	9
16.	Frances Baard	Pescodia Secondary School	9
17.	Frances Baard	Roodepan High School	9

18.	Frances Baard	Floors High School No 2	9
19.	Frances Baard	Floors High School	9
20.	Frances Baard	Kimberley Technical High School	9
21.	Frances Baard	Kimberley Girls High School	9
22.	Frances Baard	Northern Cape Agricultural High School	9
23.	Frances Baard	Barkly-Wes High School	9
24.	Frances Baard	Olehile Manchwe Intermediate School	9
25.	Frances Baard	Rietvale High School	9
26.	Frances Baard	Emmanuel Secondary School	9
27.	Frances Baard	Reitlamile Intermediate School	9
28.	Frances Baard	Boresetse Secondary School	9
29.	Frances Baard	William Pescod Secondary School	9
30.	Frances Baard	Dikgatlong Secondary School	9
31.	Frances Baard	Stillwater Intermediate School	9
32.	Frances Baard	Tadcaster Intermediate School	9
33.	Frances Baard	Re Tlhameleng Special School	9
34.	Frances Baard	Thabane High School	9
35.	Frances Baard	Greenpoint High School	9
36.	Frances Baard	Delpportshoop Combined School	9
37.	Frances Baard	Warrenton High School	9
38.	Frances Baard	Diamantveld High School	9
39.	Frances Baard	Kimberley Boys' High School	9
40.	Frances Baard	Vaalharts High School	9
41.	Frances Baard	GN Pressley Intermediate School	9
42.	Frances Baard	Tlhatlogang Intermediate School	9
43.	Frances Baard	NJ Heyns Special School	9

44.	Frances Baard	Elizabeth Conradie Special School	9
45.	Frances Baard	Warrenvale Combined School	9
46.	Frances Baard	Kgomotso High School	9
47.	Frances Baard	Pampierstad High School	9
48.	Frances Baard	Vaalrivier High School	9
49.	Pixley Ka Seme	Plooyburg Intermediate School	9
50.	Pixley Ka Seme	Griekwastad Intermediate School	9
51.	Pixley Ka Seme	Vlugfontein Intermediate School	9
52.	Pixley Ka Seme	Phakamisani High School	9
53.	Pixley Ka Seme	Theron High School	9
54.	Pixley Ka Seme	Veritas Secondary School	9
55.	Pixley Ka Seme	Sonskyn Intermediate School	9
56.	Pixley Ka Seme	Karrikama High School	9
57.	Pixley Ka Seme	Orion Secondary School	9
58.	Pixley Ka Seme	Steynville High School	9
59.	Pixley Ka Seme	Victoria-Wes Intermediate School	9
60.	Pixley Ka Seme	Bongani Secondary School	9
61.	Pixley Ka Seme	Umso High School	9
62.	Pixley Ka Seme	Monwabisi Senior Secondary School	9
63.	Pixley Ka Seme	Richmond High School	9
64.	Pixley Ka Seme	Carnarvon High School	9
65.	Pixley Ka Seme	Gariiep High School	9
66.	Pixley Ka Seme	Lowryville Combined School	9
67.	Pixley Ka Seme	Noupoort Combined School	9
68.	Pixley Ka Seme	De Aar High School	9
69.	Pixley Ka Seme	Victoria West High School	9

70.	Pixley Ka Seme	Strydenburg Combined School	9
71.	Pixley Ka Seme	Riverside High School	9
72.	Pixley Ka Seme	Petrusville High School	9
73.	Pixley Ka Seme	Prieska Combined School	9
74.	Pixley Ka Seme	Schmidtsdrift Bathlaping Intermediate School	9
75.	Pixley Ka Seme	Hopetown Combined School	9
76.	Pixley Ka Seme	Aalwyn Intermediate School	9
77.	Pixley Ka Seme	Phillipstown High School	9
78.	Pixley Ka Seme	Colesburg Combined School	9
79.	Pixley Ka Seme	Enoch Mthetho High School	9
80.	Pixley Ka Seme	Douglas Combined School	9
81.	Pixley Ka Seme	Ikageng Primary School	9
82.	Pixley Ka Seme	Umthombo Wolwazi Intermediate School	9
83.	Pixley Ka Seme	Van Wyksvlei Intermediate School	9
84.	Pixley Ka Seme	Norvalspont Intermediate School	9
85.	Pixley Ka Seme	Môreson Primary School	9
86.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Gamohana Intermediate School	9
87.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Langberg Technical High School	9
88.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Bankhara Bodulong High School	9
89.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Hotazel Combined School	9
90.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Ba Ga Lotlhare Intermediate School	9
91.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Khuis Intermediate School	9

92.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Sediba Academy	9
93.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Colston Intermediate School	9
94.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Kathu High School	9
95.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Hotazel Primary School	9
96.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Kalahari High School	9
97.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Wrenchville High School	9
98.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Phakane Secondary School	9
99.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Baitiredi Tech and Commercial Secondary School	9
100.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Galaletsang Science Secondary School	9
101.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Monoketsi Intermediate School	9
102.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Tshimologo Intermediate School	9
103.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Thusego Intermediate School	9
104.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Remmogo Secondary School	9
105.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Tongwane Intermediate School	9
106.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Reaiteka Intermediate School	9
107.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Rekgarathhile Secondary School	9

108.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Ba-Ga Phadima Secondary School	9
109.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Segopotso Intermediate School	9
110.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Tselancho Intermediate School	9
111.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Makgolokwe Secondary School	9
112.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Pako Secondary School	9
113.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Sishen Intermediate School	9
114.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Motshwarakgole Intermediate School	9
115.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	KP Toto Technical and Commercial Secondary School	9
116.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Lesedi Secondary School	9
117.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Gamagara High School	9
118.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Kopano Intermediate School	9
119.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Khiba Secondary School	9
120.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Bosheng Intermediate School	9
121.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Moedi Secondary School	9
122.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Mamoratwa Intermediate School	9
123.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Olebogeng Intermediate School	9

124.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Mamasilo Intermediate School	9
125.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Kegomoditswe Secondary School	9
126.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Gadiboe Intermediate School	9
127.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Gasebonwe Jantjie Intermediate School	9
128.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Bosele Intermediate School	9
129.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Gata- Lwa- Tlou Intermediate School	9
130.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Ikakanyeng Secondary School	9
131.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Bothithong Secondary School	9
132.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Dibotswa Secondary School	9
133.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Marumo Intermediate School	9
134.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Ditshipeng Intermediate School	9
135.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Gahohuwe Intermediate School	9
136.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Ikettleletso Intermediate School	9
137.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Itlotleng Commercial Secondary School	9
138.	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Reebone Intermediate School	9
139.	Namakwa	Aggeneys High School	9
140.	Namakwa	Garies High School	9

141.	Namakwa	SA Van Wyk High School	9
142.	Namakwa	Steinkopf Secondary School	9
143.	Namakwa	Sutherland Combined School	9
144.	Namakwa	Brandvlei Intermediate School	9
145.	Namakwa	Boesmanland High School	9
146.	Namakwa	Concordia Secondary School	9
147.	Namakwa	Port Nolloth High School	9
148.	Namakwa	Hantam Secondary School	9
149.	Namakwa	Namakwaland High School	9
150.	Namakwa	Nababeep Combined School	9
151.	Namakwa	Loeriesfontein High School	9
152.	Namakwa	Okiep High School	9
153.	Namakwa	Kleinzee Primary School	9
154.	Namakwa	Protea High School	9
155.	Namakwa	Williston High School	9
156.	Namakwa	Calvinia High School	9
157.	Namakwa	St Anna Private School	9
158.	Namakwa	FJ Smit (NGK) Intermediate School	9
159.	Namakwa	Kharkhams High School	9
160.	Namakwa	Fraserburg High School	9
161.	Namakwa	Alexanderbaai High School	9
162.	Z F Mgcawu	Upington High School	9
163.	Z F Mgcawu	Groblershoop High School	9
164.	Z F Mgcawu	Kakamas Intermediate School	9
165.	Z F Mgcawu	Blinkklip Secondary School	9
166.	Z F Mgcawu	Leerkrans Intermediate School	9

167.	Z F Mgcawu	Ratang-Thuto Secondary School	9
168.	Z F Mgcawu	Augrabies Intermediate School	9
169.	Z F Mgcawu	Grootdrink Intermediate School	9
170.	Z F Mgcawu	Oranjezicht Secondary School	9
171.	Z F Mgcawu	AJ Ferreira Secondary School	9
172.	Z F Mgcawu	SC Kearns Secondary School	9
173.	Z F Mgcawu	Daniëlskuil Combined School	9
174.	Z F Mgcawu	Kuilsville High School	9
175.	Z F Mgcawu	Carlton Van Heerden Secondary School	9
176.	Z F Mgcawu	Saul Damon Secondary School	9
177.	Z F Mgcawu	Paballelo High School	9
178.	Z F Mgcawu	Postmasburg High School	9
179.	Z F Mgcawu	Keimoes Combined School	9
180.	Z F Mgcawu	Martin Oosthuizen High School	9
181.	Z F Mgcawu	Sternham Intermediate School	9
182.	Z F Mgcawu	JG Jansen Intermediate School	9
183.	Z F Mgcawu	Cillie (NGK) Primary School	9
184.	Z F Mgcawu	Brandboom Intermediate School	9
185.	Z F Mgcawu	Karos Intermediate School	9
186.	Z F Mgcawu	Kenhardt Intermediate School	9
187.	Z F Mgcawu	Friersdale(RK) Intermediate School	9
188.	Z F Mgcawu	Rietfontein Combined School	9
189.	Z F Mgcawu	JJ Adams Intermediate School	9
190.	Z F Mgcawu	Duineveld High School	9
191.	Z F Mgcawu	Rietfontein High School	9
192.	Z F Mgcawu	Topline Intermediate School	9

193.	Z F Mgcawu	Kgotatsano Primary School	9
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Nominated GEC Coordinator for the school

(Please note: It is recommended that the GEC School Coordinator must be a SMT member)

Title, surname and initials: _____

Contact Number(s):										

e-mail address																							

General information about the school

Please provide accurate information on the following aspects in your school:

Is your school connected to the internet? Also, provide the connection source if "yes".

Yes		No	
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Source	Mark with X	Service Provided e.g. MTN
Wi-Fi		
Internet dongle		
Fibre line		
Other		

Please provide the source if "other":

Is your school using SA-SAMS?

Yes		No	
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If you are not using SA-SAMS, which software are you using as a school administration programme?

Are you aware that the marks learners achieve in the Curriculum Tests in November can be used for promotion and progression?

Yes		No	
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Principal
 (I declare that the provided information is correct, accurate, reliable and valid.)

Date

School Stamp



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ANNEXURE C: LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAINING OF TEACHERS

DISTRICT:

NAME OF SCHOOL:

NAME AND SURNAME OF TEACHER	SUBJECT	LOLT ENGLISH/ AFRIKAANS NO TICKS	CELL NUMBER	ACCOMMODATION NEEDED Please Tick(✓) the appropriate column		DIETARY NEEDS Please Tick(✓) the appropriate column					GENDER Please Tick(✓) the appropriate column		
				YES	NO	HALAAL	DIABETIC	VEGETARIAN	NORMAL	MALE	FEMALE		