

### NEW APPOINTMENTS IN SACAI

SACAI has made the following new appointments with effect from 1 January 2026. Institutions are requested to amend their records accordingly.

		
<p align="center"><b>Ms Princess Moeng</b>  <b>(Head of Division: GETC: ABET)</b></p> <p>She is an experienced and well-qualified educator who brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to SACAI as she was a moderator of Umalusi for English FAL and also a lecturer at a private teacher's college.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Ms Therese Smit</b>  <b>(Head: Professional Support and Assessment)</b></p> <p>She previously served as a Professional Advisor in the Division: Examinations and Quality Assurance. Her promotion to this position creates the necessary synergy to align SBA and examination processes more effectively.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Dr Mické van der Westhuizen</b>  <b>(Communication and Marketing)</b></p> <p>Although she had to relocate for familial reasons, she remains an invaluable asset to SACAI. She will now occupy a critical position where her deep understanding of SACAI's internal operations and assessments - combined with her excellent communication skills - will significantly strengthen the organisation.</p>



## SCHOOL-BASED ASSESSMENT IRREGULARITIES

### PROCESS OF HANDLING SBA IRREGULARITIES AT SACAI

As outlined in the *SACAI Assessment Irregularities Policy for Independent Schools, DEPs and Online Schools*, all institutions must establish an **Internal Assessment Integrity Committee (IAIC)** to manage any assessment irregularities that arise during the year. The committee must consist of the head of the institution, the academic head, and two other senior academic staff members.

The IAIC must investigate all internal assessment irregularities, apply the appropriate sanctions in accordance with SACAI policy, and communicate the outcomes to parents and learners. Parents may appeal the findings within 7 calendar days, and such appeals must also be managed by the IAIC. All irregularities must be recorded in the **Internal Assessment Irregularity Register (IAIR)**.

For serious behavioural irregularities, or further appeals by parents or candidates, SACAI must be notified immediately. The **SACAI Irregularities Committee (SIC)** will investigate and provide formal feedback where required.

### SUBMISSION OF THE INTERNAL ASSESSMENT IRREGULARITIES REGISTER

Institutions are reminded that they are required to submit their Irregularity Reports and composition of the IAIRs bi-annually, on 30 June and 30 November each year.

Please note that a significant number of institutions have not yet submitted their reports for the 30 November 2025 cycle. To accommodate this, the deadline has been extended to 06 February 2026.

We kindly request that you submit these documents at your earliest convenience to:

[✉ sba-irregularities@sacai.org.za](mailto:sba-irregularities@sacai.org.za)

Your cooperation ensures compliance and supports the integrity of the assessment process.

## SACAI AWARDS CEREMONY FOR NSC 2025

SACAI hosted its first official awards ceremony to recognise outstanding performance, with the theme *Celebrating Excellence*, on Saturday, 17 January 2026, at The Capital in Menlyn Maine.

At this prestigious event, the following awards were presented:

- Markers and examiners who have provided excellent service to SACAI over the years;
- Our oldest candidate, aged 57, who achieved three distinctions (and was close to achieving five);
- Institutions that performed exceptionally well across various categories;
- Candidates who excelled in specific subjects; and
- Candidates who achieved the best overall performance.

A newsletter with full details of the winners and photographs of the event will be shared shortly.