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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND LEARNERS

EXAMINATION REGISTRATIONS AND ALLOCATED CENTRES

Please draw the attention of parents and learners to the information below and assist with sharing it with all relevant parties.

1. Finalised examination registrations for NSC 2026

Grade 12 registrations have been finalised, and no new registrations will be accepted at this stage except for candidates that wrote the 2026 May/June examinations. This follows the completion of several key processes, including the release of Entry Schedules, which confirm each candidate's registration details, subjects, and examination venue address.

2. Distribution and verification of Entry Schedules

Institutions are requested to distribute copies of the Entry Schedules to all parents or guardians.

Each parent or guardian must sign the schedule to confirm that the candidate's subject registration is correct. Please note that Life Orientation does not appear on the Entry Schedule because it is not part of the external examination.

Institutions must retain all signed copies for their records. These copies will serve as evidence in the event of future disputes, particularly where subject registrations are incorrect, such as Mathematics versus Mathematical Literacy, or English Home Language versus English First Additional Language, etc. SACAI has introduced a penalty fee for certificate reprints where discrepancies arise as result of incorrect details on the Entry Schedules.

Time scale for completion of verification process:

- Immediate:
    - Dissemination: Institutions must disseminate the Entry Schedules immediately;
    - Any enquiries, including incorrect subjects or corrections to identification details, must be brought to SACAI's attention immediately. Please include copies of the relevant identity documents.

- 28 July 2026: Parents/ guardians/ candidates to submit the signed Entry Schedules to institutions;
- 31 July 2026: Institutions to confirm correctness of Entry Schedules with SACAI;

3. Deregistration and Invoicing

Invoices were issued on 01 July 2026, based on the second registration upload submitted by the institutions. Please refer to the financial communication previously shared for further guidance.

Deregistration requests will only be processed once the prescribed deregistration form has been completed and submitted to SACAI. No candidate will be removed from the system without this official form.

SACAI appreciates every institution's cooperation in ensuring that parents are fully informed of their candidates' registration status.

4. Allocation of examination centres

SACAI has finalised the allocation of examination venues as indicated on the Entry Schedules. Venues have limited capacity, and not all candidates can be accommodated at their first-choice venues. SACAI confirms that all venues have been visited and vetted, and that they comply with SACAI's requirements and the regulations governing the conduct and management of the NSC.

SACAI closed some centres and reallocated the candidates to their second choice or renamed other centres that may differ from the proof of registration.

Printing of examination material will commence on 03 August 2026. It is therefore essential to avoid incorrect examination venue information and challenges caused by inaccurate details.

5. Accommodations and separate-room candidates

All separate-room accommodations that have not been confirmed by institutions will not be accommodated during the October/November examination cycle.

Accommodation invoices will be sent to institutions for distribution to candidates. The separate-room cost is R310 per session, VAT inclusive.

6. Accommodation venues

Parents and candidates must familiarise themselves with the following:
- The exact status of the accommodation(s);
- The compliance requirements linked to the accommodation(s);
- The costs associated with the accommodation(s); and
- The geographical location of the accommodation venue

In Cape Town, candidates with accommodations have been reallocated from the venues reflected on their proof of registration to a venue specifically designated for accommodations (Concession) i.e. SACAI Tableview.

If SACAI receives no further enquiries about the allocations reflected on the Entry Schedules, final Entry Schedules will be shared with institutions. These schedules will include the Chief Invigilators' details to support the collection of Admission Letters at the examination venue. No changes will be possible once the final Entry Schedules have been received by the institution and the Admission Letters have been dispatched to the examination venues.

7. SBAs: A timeous and complete record is mandatory for certification

Institutions and candidates are reminded that a complete record for all subjects of all SBAs, PATs, PETs and orals must be submitted to SACAI at the advent of the NSC examination to ensure that resulting and certification, i.e. qualifying for the NSC, is possible. If there is any uncertainty, do not hesitate to contact SACAI.