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TO

: DEPUTY- DIRECTORS GENERAL

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PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

FROM

: ACTING- HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: ECDOE

SUBJECT

: POLICY GUIDELINES ON REGISTRATION OF PUBLIC

SCHOOLS, CURRICULUM EXTENSIONS AND CHANGE OF

SCHOOL NAMES.

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of these policy guidelines is to outline and communicate the process that must be followed in the management of applications for registration of public schools, curriculum extensions and change of school names. This circular also applies to changes that occur in the schooling system whether out of initiatives by communities.

2. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 2.1. In terms of Section 12(1) of the South African Schools Act No. 84 of 1996, the MEC must out of funds appropriated for this purpose by the Provincial Legislature, establish and maintain public schools for the education of all learners.
- 2.2. The MEC may, by notice in the Provincial Gazette, reclassify existing categories or phases of public schools, if he or she deems it necessary for education in the province.
- 2.3. The MEC may establish a school in the following instances:
 - > When a new suburb is built around one of the cities or towns and a site allocated for a school.
 - > Migration of communities may give rise to the need for new schools.
 - > Overcrowding and like conditions/circumstances flowing there from may lead to the establishment of a new school.
 - > The donation of a school building by business or political intervention may result in the establishment of a new school.
 - > The number of learners travelling long distances to reach school or faced with hazards like the busy national roads, thick bushes, flooded rivers, may lead to a need for a school to be established in their own environment.
 - > A community may require a school in their vicinity to afford their children diversity in education or specialized training.
 - > Growth in population because of an industrial rezoning or growth of an informal settlement or a new settlement.
- 2.4. Contrary to the above, the department has received incomplete and overdue application forms—with outstanding documents from the districts. Unfortunately, these forms are returned to the district offices for compliance. This is an error that must be corrected, hence these guidelines.

3. DELIBERATIONS AND MOTIVATION

3.1.1 It has come to the attention of the department that districts and schools do not adhere to the stipulated process in managing applications for establishment of public schools This is an indication that districts and schools do not adhere to the stipulated process in managing applications for establishment of public schools.

- 3.1.2 This has resulted in a situation where this important function is difficult to control and disorganizes the schooling system in the province.
- 3.1.3 It is against this background that the Department communicates these guidelines to regularize the function and ensure that there is a uniform approach and system that is followed in terms of the correct application forms used, time frames for submission at each level, together with the time by which responses should be expected from Head Office.

4. REGISTRATION OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL

4.1. STEP BY STEP PROCESS

- 4.1.1 The application for the registration of a public school must be lodged with the office of the Circuit Manager of the area where the school is intended to be built/established. The same applies to donor funded schools.
- 4.1.2 Once the application from the community is received, the Circuit Manager together with the Physical Resource Section in the District must conduct a survey and needs analyses in the area where the school is to be built, to verify the information supplied by the community, establish the feasibility of a school and possible impact on other existing schools. The report of the survey must accompany the application form.
- 4.1.3 The application form for the registration of a school must include the following:
- > The intended grades to be registered.
- > The expected time schedule for the phasing in of grades.
- > The proposed name of the school in order of preference (three names from which to choose should be given).
- > The physical address and postal address of the school.
- > The site numbers.

'Policy guidelines on Registration of Public Schools, Curriculum extensions and Change of School Names'

- > The curriculum to be followed.
- > Intended enrolment (from 200 and above).
- 4.1.4 In a case where a school is applying for Grade 1, it must be given Grade R as well.
- 4.1.5 Application should reach the Head Office not later than 30 March of every year.
- 4.1.6 Approval of applications by the Head Office must happen before 30 April every year to enable the Department to budget appropriately for the establishment of new schools and curriculum extensions.

5. PROVINCIAL CURRICULUM GUIDELINES (PCSG) ON CURRICULUM STREAMING, REPACKAGING AND EXTENTION IN HIGH SCHOOLS.

- 5.1 The Eastern Cape Department of Education (ECDoE) has the primary responsibility of ensuring that all learners are provided with quality education that includes a quality curriculum that is relevant to the times that we live in.
 - 5.1.1 Parents and stakeholders are constantly in pursuit of education pathways that will afford their children new opportunities to compete with others locally and all on a global level. The choice of the curriculum options therefore becomes vital in these circumstances.
- 5.2 The department has however determined that most schools are offering streamed curricula that are counterproductive to the educational trajectory of the learners, the school, and the community it serves.
 - 5.2.1 The following are some examples of problematic curriculum offerings made by schools i.e. The school selected a subject with an insufficient number of learners for the subject.
 - > The curriculum streams offered by the school do not respond to the needs of the community and interests and career paths of the learners.
 - > The school selected a subject without having a subject specialist teacher to offer the subject.

- > The school selected a curriculum stream that is like all the other high schools in the circuit.
- > The school offers limited or specialist curriculum stream (e.g. MST school) though being the only high school in the area.
- > The school selected a subject or curriculum stream with no availability of infrastructure, resources, classrooms, workshops, specialist rooms and equipment or LTSM for the subject option.
- 5.2.2 It is with this in mind that the department is striving to improve the education that is provided to learners not only in terms of learner performance but also in line with the with the career paths and interests of the learners and the changes that are taking place both locally and internationally.
- 5.2.3 Curriculum Instruction CD 01/2022 serves to inform the School Management Teams (SMT) and School Governing Bodies (SGB) of all High Schools of the department's intention to embark on a Curriculum Streaming process for the next three years i.e., from 2022 -2025 to ensure a more streamlined, and impactful curriculum offering in schools.
- 5.2.4 This means that all schools who offer a curriculum stream that is out of sync with subject field, size of school or a complimentary subject field will have the opportunity to correct their curriculum streams or packaging within the next three years.
- 5.2.5 A Provincial Guideline Document i.e. *Provincial Curriculum Guidelines* (*PCSG*) on *Curriculum Streaming*, *Repackaging and Extension in High Schools* has been developed to assist schools with the repackaging or streaming of the curriculum offerings in schools.

- 5.3 Examples of curriculum streams and subject combinations are attached in the PCSG and so too are the required *Applications Forms for Curriculum, Subject or Grade Changes* that will replace the current application forms used.
- 5.3.1 The roles and responsibilities of the various office bearers are captured within the PCSG. Thus, the timeous submission of the Curriculum Streaming application form 9 (i.e. before 30 April of a new year for implementation in the following year) will assist in the efficient and timeous management of the approval process.
- 5.3.2 Lastly, this guideline is intended to not only assist high schools to improve and streamline the curriculum within the applicable legislative policy framework but will also assist to prepare the system for the introduction of the Three Stream Model from Grade 8 in 2024 in targeted skills subjects and also in Special Schools and Schools of Skills. A communique for this purpose will be communicated with schools in due course.
- 5.4. SMTs and SGBs of High Schools are advised to thoroughly engage with the *Guideline Document for the Streaming of the Curriculum in High Schools* attached to make informed choices about their subject selection and offerings at the school.
- 5.4.1 The Management Plan attached as *Annexure A* in this document will guide schools around the procedure and timeframes in which this very important function should be handled. Principals are kindly requested to bring Curriculum Instruction CD:01/2022 to the attention improved curriculum delivery.

6 CHANGING THE NAME OF AN EXISTING SCHOOL

- 6.1.1 The school governing body must consult widely with the community and community structures to obtain a clear mandate for the proposed change of a name.
- 6.1.2 The SGB must recommend three names in order of preference, which must be referred to Head Office.

- 6.1.3 The factors which may lead to the change of an existing name include the following:
- > Political to be in line with the new political dispensation that might crop up.
- > Natural attrition the school has dissolved resulting in relocation and need a new name in view of geographic relocation/situation.
- > Honouring certain important figures for their contribution to the community.
- > In the case of merging of schools, neutral name may be sought.
- 6.1.4 The following procedure should be followed:

The principal should complete the official application form and have it signed by the Chairperson of the SGB before submitting it to the District Office for further recommendation by the District Director to the Head Office.

ANNEXURE A: MANAGEMENT PLAN: REGISTRATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NO.	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME
1.	Submission of application forms to Head Office by districts.	30 March annually
2.	Adjudication Committee meets to verify information for approval by the Head of Department (HOD) and or Member of Executive Council (MEC).	15 April annually
4.	Issuing of approval letters to district offices.	30 May annually
5.	Submission of approved schools to EMIS for inclusion in the database of the Eastern Cape Department of Education (ECDoE).	August annually
6.	Declaration of posts (PPN) by MEC for newly established schools.	30 September annually

ANNEXURE B: REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST: ALL APPLICATIONS

NO.	DOCUMENTS	YES	NO
1.	The agenda of the meeting that decided on the application.		
2.	Minutes of the subject (aforementioned) parents/community meeting.		
3.	Attendance registers of the parents/community meetings.		
4	Estimated learner enrolment (200+) for the new school.		
5.	Circuit Manager's land verification report and Reservation Certificate [where new school establishment is the subject].		
6.	Detailed submission signed by the District Director.		

6.Kindly note that this Circular supersedes Circular No.4 of 2021, and its contents must be brought to the attention of all those affected for their immediate attention and implementation as no applications will be entertained outside these policy guidelines.

MRS. S. MAASDORP

A/HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

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EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

APPLICATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT/ OPERATIONALIZATION OF A NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL

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- 1. The establishment of a new school cannot take place unless recommended by the District Director and finally approved by the Department of Education.
- Paragraphs 1 7 must be completed by the Steering Committee Chairperson/ Principal and checked out by the District Director.
- All completed applications must be submitted to the District Director.
- The application form must be accompanied by a sketch plan indicating distances between existing neighboring schools and the proposed school.
- All forms must be completed in triplicate.
- 6. ONCE APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED A COPY OF THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO EMIS FOR CAPTURE ON THE SCHOOL DATA BASE.

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EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

APPLICATION FOR THE CHANGE OF THE NAME OF AN EXISTING SCHOOL

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EXAM	INATION CENTRE NO.	EMIS NO.				
1.	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	POSTAL ADDRESS				
2.	LOCATION:					
2	2.1. CLUSTER					
2	2.2 DISTRICT					
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NOTE: ONCE APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED A COPY OF THIS FORM MUST BE SENT TO EMIS FOR CAPTURE ON THE DATA BASE OF SCHOOLS!

FOR OFFICIAL USE:

I hereby recommend / do not recommend the change of name. Motivation	
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EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

APPLICATION FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW CLASS / AMENDMENT OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Α	REASON FOR	APPLICATION	(Indicate with X in the space provided
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Introduction of Grades 8 to Grade 12	
Amendment of School Curriculum	

B GENERAL PARTICULARS OF SCHOOL

Name				
Area code:	Tel. No:		Fax No:	
Physical Address:		Postal Address:		
Code:		Code:		
District:				

C PRESENT SCHOOL ESTABLISHMENT & STAFF ENROLMENT

PUPIL	GRADE 8 - 9	GRADE 10 – 12	ANY OTHER	TOT. ENROLMENT
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D SCHOOL ESTABLISHMENT & PUPIL ENROLMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR

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E. ENROLMENT OF SCHOOL PRESENT ENROLMENT

ESTIMATED FOR FOLLOWING YEAR

SUBJECTS	GR 10	GR 11	GR 12	GR 8	GR 9	GR 10	GR 11	GR 12

F AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL CURRICULUM

1	New subjects / grade for which application is made	
2	Name of existing subjects(s) to be replaced (if any)	
3	Motivation for F1 and F2	
4	Staff / personnel: Will you be able to introduce the new subject / grade using existing staff?	YES / NO
	If no, will the School Governing Body pay the educator's salary?	YES / NO
	Name of the educator who will be responsible for the grade / subject	
	His / her qualifications	
5	Accommodation: Is adequate accommodation available for the new grades?	YES / NO
	If no, indicate how accommodation will be provided.	

6	Any other information				
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4	Is the existing accommodation adequ	ate for the new introduction?			
	YES NO				
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Comr	nents:				
DIST	RICT DIRECTOR	DATE			

J. CLUSTER CHIEF DIRECTOR

Comments:	
CLUSTER CHIEF DIRECTOR	DATE
K. HEAD OFFICE	
Recommended/Not recommended Comments:	
DIRECTOR (CURRICULUM)	DATE
Recommended/Not recommended Comments:	
CHIEF DIRECTOR (CURRICULUM)	DATE
Recommended/Not recommended Comments:	
DIRECTOR (SCHOOL ADMIN.)	DATE
Recommended/Not Recommended Comments:	
CHIEF DIRECTOR (RSA)	DATE
Recommended/Not Recommended Comments:	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL (IOM)	DATE
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Recommended/Not Recommended Comments:	
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	DATE
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Comments:	
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HEAD OF DEPARTMENT	DATE



EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

APPLICATION FOR THE EXTENSION OF A GRADE / CURRICULUM

Α	REASON FOR	APPLICATION	(Indicate with X in the space provided
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GRADE APPLIED FOR:	REASON/S

B GENERAL PARTICULARS OF SCHOOL

Name			
Area Code:	Tel. No: _		Fax No.:
Street Address:		Postal Address:	
Code:		Code:	

C PRESENT SCHOOL ESTABLISHMENT & STAFF ENROLMENT

PUPIL ENROLMENT	GRADE R	GRADE 1 – 7	GRADE 8-9	GRADE 10 – 12	TOT. ENROLMENT
PRINCIPAL	DEPUTY	H.O.D.'S	EDUCATORS PL1	EDUCATORS PL1	TOTAL

D SCHOOL ESTABLISHMENT & PUPIL ENROLMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR

PUPIL ENROLMENT		GRADE R-7	TOTAL. ENROLMENT	
PRINCIPAL	DEPUTY	H.O.D.'S	EDUCATORS PL1	TOTAL

PUPIL ENROLMENT	GRADE 8 - 12		TOTAL ENROLMENT	
PRINCIPAL	DEPUTY	H O D.'S	EDUCATORS PL1	TOTAL

E ENROLMENT OF SCHOOL PRESENT ENROLMENT ESTIMATED ENROLMENT IN NEXT YEAR

GR R	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	GR 6	GR 7	GR 8	GR 9	GR 10	GR 11	GR 12

F AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL CURRICULUM

1	New subjects / grade for which application is made	
2	Name of existing subjects(s) to be replaced (if any)	
3	Motivation for F1 and F2	
4	Staff / personnel: Will you be able to introduce the new subject / grade using existing staff?	YES / NO
	If no, will the School Governing Body pay the teacher's salary?	YES / NO
	Name of the teacher who will be responsible for the grade / subject	
	His / her qualifications	
5	Accommodation: Is adequate accommodation available for the new grades?	YES / NO
	If no, indicate how accommodation will be provided.	
6	Any other information	
PRINC	CIPAL	DATE

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at the	above-mei	ntioned scl	nool is supported.			
CHAII	RPERSON	(SGB)		DATE		
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-	CIRCUIT N		45.50.00			
1.	I hereby	/ recomme	end / do not recomme	end the introduction of:		
2	Motivation:					
3	convinc	After having checked the principal's planning of schoolwork, I am convinced/not convinced that the school will be able to cope with the new introduction.				
	YES	NO				
4			ommodation adequa	te for the new introduction?		
	YES	NO				
	CIRCUI	T MANAG	iER	DATE		
	DISTRICT I	DIRECTOR	3			
Recoi	mmended /	Not recon	nmended			
Comn	nents:					

DISTRICT DIRECTOR

DATE

J HEAD OFFICE

Recommended / Not recommended	
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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION FORMS

REGISTRATION REQUIR	EMENTS CHECKLIST
NAME OF SCHOOL	•
DISTRICT	:
DATE	:

NO'S	DOCUMENTS	YES / NO	DATE
1.	Right application form correctly filled in.		
2.	The agenda of the meeting that decided on the application.		
3.	Minutes of the subject (aforementioned) parents/community meeting.		
4.	Attendance register of the parents/community meeting.		
5.	Circuit Manager's land verification report and Reservation Certificate [where new school establishment is the subject].		
6.	Detailed submission/motivation written by CMC Head or Circuit Manager and signed by the District Director.		

NOTE:

- 1. NO APPLICATIONS FORMS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE HEAD OFFICE WITHOUT <u>ALL</u> THE DOCUMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE.
- 2. THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORMS TO HEAD OFFICE IS 30 MARCH ANNUALY.