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DATE: 18 OCTOBER 2024

**THE CONDUCT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2024 GENERAL EDUCATION
CERTIFICATE (GEC) CURRICULUM TESTS -TIMETABLE**

1. The overall goal of the General Education Certificate (GEC) is to recognise the holistic skill-set for learners over the schooling in GET.
2. To ensure quality teaching and learning, DBE has introduced a pilot study for GEC for a period of three years.
3. The Department of Basic Education is piloting the GEC in selected schools across the 9 provinces.
4. The writing of the 2024 Curriculum Tests in the subjects set at national level will be written from the **13th to the 21st of November 2024**. The 2024 Curriculum Test Timetable is attached as **Annexure A**. It must be ensured that all schools adhere to the 9:00 starting time for all subjects.
5. GEC is an assessment that forms part of the National Assessment Framework (NAF) to assist learners in establishing pathways after 10 years of schooling i.e. Occupational stream, Vocational stream and the Academic stream.

6. The following are the five subjects for the pilot project in 2024:

- Home Language (all Languages);
- First Additional Language (all Languages);
- Mathematics (Afrikaans and English);
- Natural Sciences (Afrikaans and English); and
- Economic and Management Sciences (Afrikaans and English)

7. All the activities pertaining to the 2024 Curriculum Tests writing are scheduled as per the updated GEC 2024 Management Plan.

8. The management and administration of the GEC tests will be communicated in due course.

9. Your support in ensuring that the administration of the GEC test is successful is greatly appreciated. For any enquiries, please contact Ms T Mabengu email: at thandiswa.mabengu@ecdoe.gov.za



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