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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**NOTICE 748 OF 2020****DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002****AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(3) OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. OF 57 OF 2002) REGARDING THE MARKING EXAMINATION SCRIPTS OF THE 2020 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE AND SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS AND MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION, ALL PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION, ALL EDUCATION DISTRICT OFFICES AND ALL SCHOOLS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, in terms of regulation 4(3)(b) of the Regulations made under the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), as published under Government Notice No. R.480, in *Government Gazette* No. 43258 of 29 April 2020, as amended, hereby amend the Directions regarding the marking of examination scripts and performing other functions related to the finalisation of the results of the 2020 National Senior Certificate and Senior Certificate examinations and measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in the National Department of Basic Education, all Provincial Departments of Education, all education district offices and all schools in the Republic of South Africa, as published under Government Notice No. 343, in *Government Gazette* No. 43465 of 23 June 2020, as amended, as set out in the Schedule.

**MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP****MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION****DATE: 31 DECEMBER 2020**

SCHEDULE

Definition

1. In this Schedule, the “Directions” means the Directions regarding the marking of examination scripts and performing other functions related to the finalisation of the results of the 2020 National Senior Certificate and Senior Certificate examinations and measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in the National Department of Basic Education, Provincial Departments of Education, all education district offices and all schools in the Republic of South Africa, as published under Government Notice No. 343, in *Government Gazette* No. 43465 of 23 June 2020, as amended under Government Notice No. 357, published in *Government Gazette* No. 43488 of 29 June 2020, Government Notice No. 370, published in *Government Gazette* No. 43510 of 7 July 2020, Government Notice No. 371, published in *Government Gazette* No. 43511 of 8 July 2020, Government Notice No. 411, published in *Government Gazette* No. 43578 of 2 August 2020, Government Notice No. 503, published in *Government Gazette* No. 43715 of 15 September 2020, and Government Notice Number 579 published in *Government Gazette* No. 43826 of 21 October 2020.

Purpose of the Directions

2. The purpose of these Directions is to provide guidelines to officials, educators and administration staff who are marking examination scripts and performing other functions related to the finalisation of the results of the 2020 National Senior Certificate and Senior Certificate examinations and the release thereof.

Amendment of direction 15 of Directions

3.

Direction 15 of the Directions is hereby amended by the insertion after direction 15 of the following direction:

“ 15A Health, Safety and Hygiene Protocols for Marking and Assessments

- (1) Subject to Regulation 36 of the Regulations published in Government Gazette No. 44044 of 29 December 2020 (the “Regulations”), gathering at the workplace for purposes of work such as the marking of the examination scripts of the 2020 National Senior Certificate and Senior Certificate examinations will be conducted at designated schools or other identified venue as contemplated in the Regulations.
- (2) All officials, markers, senior markers, deputy chief markers, chief markers and internal moderators must:
- (a) Wear a face mask;
 - (b) adhere to health and hygiene protocols issued by the Minister responsible for basic education; and
 - (c) maintain a distance of at least one and a half metres from each other.
- (3) A school or other identified venue that has a large enough facility may accommodate more than 50 officials, markers, senior markers, deputy chief markers, chief markers, internal moderators and administration staff, but may not exceed 50% of the capacity of that facility, for the purpose of marking and related functions, at that facility for the duration of the marking session: Provided that all health, safety and social distancing measures for COVID-19 are complied with.
- (4) Officials, markers, senior markers, deputy chief markers, chief markers, internal moderators and administration staff, involved in the marking process may be accommodated at the school where there are such facilities or at an appropriate venue that complies with all the health, safety and social distancing measures for COVID-19.
- (5) Officials, markers, senior markers, deputy chief markers, chief markers, internal moderators and administration staff, involved in the marking process and other officials involved in the resulting and processing of the National Senior Certificate and Senior Certificate examination must have in their possession a permit which corresponds with Form 7 Annexure A of the Regulations which will be issued by the Head of Department or the person duly authorized by him or her.

(6) The details relating to the management of the marking process to ensure compliance with the Covid-19 Regulations are contained in the Protocol relating to the Marking of the 2020 National Senior Certificate and Senior Certificate examinations and may be accessed on the following website link:

<https://www.education.gov.za/Portals/0/Documents/Recovery%20plan%20page/MarkingProtocol.pdf>

Commencement

4. These amendment directions come into operation on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*.