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KZN CIRCULAR NO.113 0F 2026

WARNING AGAINST PREVENTION OF CANDIDATES FROM SITTING FOR NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION SESSIONS.

1. KZN Circular No. 126 of 2023 “Discontinuation of the Multiple Examination Opportunities (MEO) Dispensation with effect from 2020”, refers.
2. The following regulations have reference.
    a. Regulations pertaining to the conduct, administration and Management of the national senior certificate examination”, published as Government Regulation, Notice No. R872 in Government Regulation Gazette No. 31337 of 29 August 2008, and amended as
    b. Government Gazette 31337 dated 29 August 2008,
    c. Government Gazette 32678 dated 03 November 2009,
    d. Circular E 25 of 2025 dated 09 November 2015,
    e. Circular E 28 of 2017 dated 29 September 2017,
    f. Circular E 29 of 2019 dated 04 October 2019.
3. The Chief Directorate: Examinations, Assessments and Quality Assurance, embarked on the Advocacy Campaign against examination malpractices during the month of August and September 2026. All Chief Invigilators and Invigilators were informed of the consequences of engaging in examination malpractices.
4. **It has come to the notice of the Office of the Head of Department: Education, that some schools are preventing registered candidates from sitting for their National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations for reasons ranging from:**
    a. **Candidates told they will cause a drop in the pass percentage of the school**
    b. **Candidates having not attended extra classes organised by the school**

c. **Candidates not in school uniform**
d. **Candidates who forgot their Admission Letters or Identity Documents at home**
e. **Candidates owing school fees and the school withholds their Admission Letters, thus excluding them from writing their examinations, etc.**

5. **This practice is in violation of the constitutional rights of learners to education enshrined in the Bill of Rights.**
6. **The Office of the Head of Department hereby issues the following directives:**
    a. **Immediate suspension of any employee/s reported to have committed this offence.**
    b. **Expedited disciplinary proceedings to be instituted against the employee/s on whom the allegations have been levelled.**

7. District Directors and Head Office Directorates must ensure that all Employees in the KZN Department of Education receive and acknowledge receipt of this circular (Evidence to be kept in district/directorate files).

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HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:
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