



basic education

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Basic Education
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TO: HEAD OF PROVINCIAL EXAMINATIONS

EXAMINATION INSTRUCTION NO 06 OF 2024

EXTENSION OF THE CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION OF THE 2024 MAY/JUNE EXAMINATION AND OTHER RELATED INFORMATION.

1. This is to inform all candidates that intend registering for the 2024 May/June examination, of the extension in the closing date. The closing date for registration for both the National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Senior Certificate (SC) candidates for both online and manual registration, is extended to **Tuesday, 20th February 2024**.
2. This examination instruction also serves to remind PEDs and their district offices of the criteria relating to the registration for the 2024 May/June examination. It needs to be noted that the 2024 May/June examination accommodates both **National Senior Certificate (NSC)** and **Senior Certificate** candidates. The criteria relating to registration of candidates for the NSC or the SC is listed below.
3. **Criteria relating to the registration of NSC Candidates**
 - a) All candidates that registered for the 2023 NSC October/November examination, or a previous NSC examination, as from 2008 may register for the 2024 May/June examination. This is the third year that the May/June examination is open to NSC candidates from previous years.
 - b) Candidates may only register for subject/s for which they were previously registered in a previous October/November examination.
 - c) Candidates who register for the 2024 May/June examination, must have completed their SBA tasks, Practical Assessment Tasks, and the Language Oral tasks in a previous October/November examination.

- d) Candidates who were absent with a valid reason (ill-health, death in the immediate family or other special reasons) from one or more question papers, may register for the 2024 May/June examination. Documentary proof substantiating reasons for the absenteeism, must be submitted to the school principal or at the office, where the registration form is submitted.
 - e) Candidates who want to improve their overall achievement status, or only want to improve their achievement or non-achievement in a specific subject, may register for the 2024 May/June examination.
 - f) In the case where a candidate was absent for one or more question papers in the October/November examination with a valid reason, the candidate must write all the question papers in that subject in the 2024 May/June examination.
 - g) In a case where an irregularity is being investigated, provisional enrolment for the 2024 May/June examination may be granted to the candidate concerned, pending the outcome of the investigation.
4. **NSC candidates** may **only** register manually at a district office or at the school where they previously wrote the examination. NSC candidates must be advised not to attempt to apply online.

5. **Criteria relating the registration of Senior Certificate Candidates for the May/June 2024 Examination.**

The following learners will qualify for admission to the Senior Certificate:

- a) Adult learners who are 21 years and older who have:
 - a General Education and Training Certificate (GETC); or
 - a Grade 9 school report (or the old standard seven report), stating that they have passed Grade 9 or Standard 7; or
 - a recognised equivalent qualification obtained at NQF Level 1, which requires two official languages.
- b) Adult learners who are 21 years and older with an incomplete Senior Certificate qualification.
- c) Adult learners who are 21 years and older with an incomplete National Senior Certificate
- d) In exceptional cases, out of school youth, who are 18-21 years old and who could not complete their school education due to circumstances beyond their control, as verified and approved by the Head of Department or his/her designee.

- e) Adult candidates who are 21 years and older with an incomplete NSC may choose to complete the NSC, or convert to the Senior Certificate. Should the candidate choose to convert to the Senior Certificate, they may not revert to the NSC and attempt to complete the NSC qualification.
 - f) Adult candidates who have already obtained a Senior Certificate qualification but wish to improve their results/status.
6. In addition to the above group of candidates that may register to write the May/June 2024 examination, candidates that have written the 2023 October/November examination either with the Independent Examinations Board (IEB) or South African Comprehensive Assessment Institute (SACAI), may also register to write the 2024 May/June examination administered by the DBE. The criteria listed in Paragraph (3) (a) to (g) will also apply to these IEB and SACAI candidates.
7. In the case of the IEB and SACAI candidates that write the DBE May/June examination, the procedure to be followed in the resulting and certification of these candidates will be communicated to these candidates in due course.
8. In the case of **Senior Certificate candidates**, two registration modalities are available for candidates who qualify to write the May/June 2024 Senior Certificate examinations. The manual registration process is managed by the district offices in the provinces. There is also an electronic registration (e-Registration) process available. For electronic registration candidates must use the www.eservices.gov.za portal. For more information on subject choices and promotion requirements visit the Senior Certificate (as amended) page on <https://www.education.gov.za/Curriculum/SeniorCertificate.aspx>.

Note: e-Registration candidates need to have a valid RSA Identity number, a valid email address and cellphone number.

9. All candidates who write the 2024 May/June examination will receive their results in August 2024.
10. Should any of the National Senior Certificate (NSC) candidates not be satisfied with their results in the 2024 May/June examination, they may register for the 2024 October/

November examinations. A closing date for the registration of these candidates for the 2024 October/November will be announced after the 2024 May/June examination.

11. Senior Certificate (SC) candidates that are not satisfied with their results in the 2024 May/June examination, will not be allowed to register for the 2024 October/November examination. SC candidates will only be allowed to register for the 2025 May/June examination.
12. Candidates who register to write the 2024 May/June examination are advised to access the educational resources made available on the Second Chance Matric Programme (SCMP) website on this link:
<https://www.education.gov.za/Programmes/SecondChanceProgramme.aspx>
13. Please ensure that the contents of this circular is brought to the attention of all candidates who qualify to write the May/June 2024 examination



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