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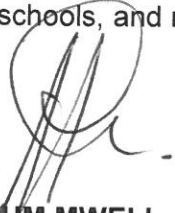
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**TO: HEADS OF PROVINCIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS
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CIRCULAR S13 OF 2017: REPEAL OF THE PROVISO RESTRICTING ACCOUNTING TO LEARNERS OFFERING MATHEMATICS ONLY

1. In 2014, the Minister called for written submissions from stakeholder bodies and members of the public on the proposal to amend policy and regulation.
2. Among the proposals was the Proviso on the offering of Mathematics as a compulsory subject in combination with certain subjects (Economics, Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, Accounting, Business Studies and Geography).
3. The Minister **ONLY** approved the Proviso restricting Accounting to Mathematics and Physical Sciences. The Proviso was subsequently published through Government Notices 1160, 1161 and 1162 published in Government **Gazette 39435 of 20 November 2015**.
4. The Minister having observed the unintended consequences of this legislation, has **repealed** the **Proviso** restricting Accounting to learners offering Mathematics only, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (NEPA) which give the Minister the power to rescind, revoke, amend or vary the rules, or regulations thereof.

5. The repeal of the proviso **will only be implemented in Grade 10 in 2018** as policy cannot be implemented retrospectively. Hence, from 2018 Grade 10 learners who opt for Accounting may combine this with either Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy.
6. You are kindly requested to bring the content of this **Circular** to the attention of all provincial and district officials, principals and teachers of both public and independent schools, and relevant stakeholders.



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DIRECTOR-GENERAL
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