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**TO: PRINCIPALS OF SCHOOLS ENTERING CANDIDATES FOR THE 2011
NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION**

Definition of an immigrant candidate

The existing definition of an immigrant candidate in the policy document “National Senior Certificate: a qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework” is as follows:

An immigrant candidate is:

- (i) A child or a dependent of a diplomatic representative of a foreign government accredited in South Africa; or
- (ii) a person who:
 - (aa) First enrolled at and entered a South African school in Grade 7 or a more senior grade, or
 - (bb) having begun his or her schooling at a school in South Africa, has attended school outside South Africa for two or more consecutive years after Grade 6 or its equivalent.

On 12 September 2011, Government Gazette No. 34600 was published in which a series of policy documents were promulgated. As a result, Paragraph (bb) of this definition has been amended as follows:

- (bb) having begun his or her schooling at a school in South Africa, has attended school outside South Africa for two or more consecutive years after Grade 3 or its equivalent and before Grade 9 or its equivalent, and has subsequently returned to South Africa.

The amendment to the definition of an immigrant learner is applicable with immediate effect.

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