



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

CHANGES TO THE 2014 GRADE 10 NATIONAL EXAMINATION AND TERM 3 HOLIDAY DATES

The Department of Education has announced changes to the Grade 10 National Examination dates and Term 3 holiday dates to allow ample time for the students to prepare for the Grade 10 examinations after the Term 3 holidays.

According to the 2014 Measurement Services Calendar, the Grade 10 National Examination begins on 29th September 2014 with the English Examination paper. However, all teachers and Head Teachers are now informed to ignore this date.

The Grade 10 National Examination will begin on 30th September 2014 with the Mathematics paper.

The schedule for administering the examination this year will be similar to the schedule used in 2013 and will be as follows:

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>SUBJECT</u> |
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| Tuesday, 30 th September | Mathematics |
| Wednesday, 01 st October | Business Studies |
| Thursday, 02 nd October | Agriculture |
| Friday, 03 rd October | Social Science |
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| Monday, 06 th October | Science |
| Tuesday, 07 th October | Arts |
| Wednesday, 08 th October | Design & Technology |
| Thursday, 09 th October | Personal Development |
| Friday, 10 th October | English |

All schools are directed to ignore the subject sequence shown in the Measurement Services Branch 2014 Calendar and to follow the new schedule.

Teachers, Head Teachers and Principals are also informed to take note of the change to the Term Three holiday dates. In the 2014 Education Calendar, the Term 3 holiday is from 22nd - 26th of September, 2014.

These dates have now changed to 15th - 19th September, 2014 as per the Measurement Services Branch Calendar for 2014.

These changes were made to give Grade 10 students sufficient time after the Term 3 holidays to prepare for the exams.

All Provincial Education Advisors and Standards Officers are directed to ensure that these changes are relayed to schools immediately.

Schools are advised to contact Mary Philips – Acting Director, Measurement Services Branch on telephone no. **325 7700** if they have any queries regarding the changes to the dates for the Term 3 holidays and the Grade 10 National exams.



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