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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

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SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 84 of 1996)

AMENDED NATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL FUNDING

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, in terms of section 35 read with section 39(7) of the South African Schools Act, 1996, (Act 84 of 1996) and with paragraphs 110 and 112 of the National Norms and Standards for School Funding (NNSSF), after consultation with the Minister of Finance and the Council of Education Ministers, hereby publish amendments to the NNSSF. The NNSSF were published in Government Notice No. 890, Government Gazette No. 29179 of 31 August 2006.

The NNSSF are hereby amended by updating the:

1. National Targets Table (Par. 109 of the NNSSF) for 2021 to 2023 indicative target amounts; and the
2. National Poverty Distribution Table (Par. 111 of the NNSSF).

The amendment is contained in the Schedule. The effective date for implementation of this amendment will be 1 January 2021.



MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP
Minister of Basic Education
Date: 18 February 2021

SCHEDULE

In terms of Paragraph 110 of the NNSSF, the National Targets Table published in Government Gazette No. 43145 Government Notice No. 366, of 27 March 2020 is hereby amended to retain the 2020 threshold amounts for schools for 2021. The no fee threshold will remain at R1 466 in 2021.

National table of targets for the school allocation (2021 – 2023)

	2021	2022	2023
NQ1 – NQ3	1,466	1,536	1,610
NQ4	735	770	807
NQ5	254	266	279
No fee threshold	1,466	1,536	1,610
Small schools: National fixed amount	33,968	35,598	37,307

No new data is available to update the national poverty distribution table (Paragraph 111 of the NNSSF) In terms of Paragraph 112 of the NNSSF. The table which was published in Government Gazette No. 43145 Government Notice No. 366, of 27 March 2020, therefore remains the basis for the national poverty targeting in 2021:

National Poverty Distribution Table						
%	Quintiles					Total
	1 poorest	2	3	4	5	
EC	27.3	24.7	19.6	17	11.4	100%
FS	20.5	20.9	22.4	20.8	15.4	100%
GP	14.1	14.7	17.9	21.9	31.4	100%
KZN	22.1	23.2	20.2	18.7	15.8	100%
LP	28.2	24.6	24.2	14.9	8	100%
MP	23.1	24.1	21.5	17.7	13.5	100%
NC	21.5	19.3	20.7	21.4	17.1	100%
NW	25.6	22.3	20.8	17.6	13.7	100%
WC	8.6	13.3	18.4	28	31.7	100%
SA	20	20	20	20	20	100%

In terms of section 39(7) of the South African Schools Act, I hereby determine all learners in quintiles 1 to 3 (60% of the public school learners nationally) to be in no fee schools for 2021.

If funds are available, and after taking into consideration the possible funding implications this may have on other poverty related programmes involving no fee schools, the Provincial Education Department (PED) may offer Q4 and Q5 schools no fee status at least at the threshold level of R 1,466 voluntarily. In declaring these fee charging schools as no fee schools, the PEDs need to ensure all these schools are informed that they will be declared no fee schools from 1 January 2021. PEDs also need to ensure that these schools have informed parents of the change.