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Admission of Grade 10 full-time repeaters/ part-time candidates for the school year 2015

As it has become the custom to allow learners who sat for the Junior Secondary Certificate (JSC) Grade 10 examinations and who have not met the promotion requirements to grade 11, to repeat in the Formal Education; this year the Ministry of Education has put mechanisms in place to address this plight of the learners.

The purpose of this brief is to inform the Namibian nation on the mechanism in place regarding the available spaces to accommodate these learners.

Learners’ admission for full-time (Grade 10) repetition is voluntary since some of them may opt to repeat only one or few of the subjects through NAMCOL or part-time institutions registered with the Ministry that will enable them to qualify for admission into grade eleven in 2016.

Out of 35 592 candidates who registered for the Grade 10 examination in 2014, 19264 have qualified for admission to Grade 11 in 2015. Representing 54.1% of the candidates who have qualified for Grade 11.

About 2 550 candidates for the 2014 Grade 10 examinations who are 17 years younger will be allowed to repeat in 2015. For the 2013 Grade 10 examinations, 2 665 candidates were allowed to repeat in 2014 and 1 799 (67.5%) qualified for admission to Grade 11 in 2015 their efforts deserve commendation.

The mechanisms by the Ministry in this regard are as follows:

1. The Grade 10 full-time candidates who are 17 years old or younger, who have not met the promotion requirements to Grade 11 will be allowed to repeat Grade 10 as full-time candidates. If a candidate chooses to repeat Grade 10 as full-time learner at a school, the candidate will not be allowed to carry forward the subject symbols of the previous examinations.

   This means that, if a candidate was in Grade 10 in 2014, as a full-time candidate and chooses to repeat Grade 10 as a full time candidate in 2015, only the subject symbols of the 2015 school year will be considered.
• The Grade 10 candidates who are above 17 years old and did not meet the admission requirements to Grade 11 are encouraged to register with part-time centres such as NAMCOL and other centres registered with the Ministry of Education to upgrade their subject symbols. The main objective is to allow such candidates to build up subject credits over a number of years in order to meet the admission requirements to Grade 11.

Alternatively, candidates are encouraged to register with Vocational Training Centres through the Namibia Training Authority (the VTC's and COSDEC's) to improve their skills in vocational education and training.

Learners are hereby reminded that repeating full-time means they forfeit their previous achieved points.

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