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GENERAL NOTICES • ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**NOTICE 2948 OF 2025****SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 84 OF 1996)****AMENDED NATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL FUNDING**

I, Siviwe Gwarube, 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 2025 to 2027 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 2025.



Ms S Gwarube
Minister of Basic Education
Date: 20/01/2025

SCHEDULE

In terms of Paragraph 110 of the NNSSF, the National Targets Table published in Government Gazette No. 50057 Government Notice No. 2295, of 01 February 2024 is hereby updated to include 2027 target amounts. The no fee threshold will be R1,754 in 2025.

National table of targets for the school allocation (2025 – 2027)

| | 2025 | 2026* | 2027* |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| NQ1 - NQ3 | R1 754 | R1 835 | R1 919 |
| NQ4 | R879 | R919 | R962 |
| NQ5 | R301 | R315 | R329 |
| No fee threshold | R1 754 | R1 835 | R1 919 |
| Small schools: National fixed amount | R40 662 | R42 532 | R44 489 |

*2026 and 2027 figures inflation adjusted – Consumer Price Index (CPI) projected inflation rate adjusted.

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. 50057 Government Notice No. 2295, of 01 February 2024, therefore remains the basis for the national poverty targeting in 2025:

| National Poverty Distribution Table | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| | Quintiles % | | | | | |
| | 1 poorest | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Total |
| 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 2025.

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 1,754 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 2025. PEDs also need to ensure that these schools have informed parents of the change.

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