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**TO:**           **THE PERMANENT SECRETARY**  
**THE UNDER SECRETARIES: FORMAL EDUCATION AND ICALL**  
**DIRECTORS OF EDUCATION: REGIONS AND HEAD OFFICE**  
**INSPECTORS OF EDUCATION AND ADVISORY TEACHERS**  
**PRINCIPALS OF SCHOOLS OFFERING GRADES 8-10**  
**DIRECTOR: NAMCOL**

**RE: CONFIRMATION OF THE INTRODUCTION OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN  
SCHOOLS IN GRADE 8 IN 2008**

**1. INTRODUCTION OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN SCHOOLS IN GRADE 8 IN 2008**

This communiqué serves to inform you that, following a decision by the Executive of the National Examination, Assessment and Certification Board taken on 6 September 2007, Entrepreneurship will be implemented nationally as an optional pre-vocational subject replacing Business Management. Please refer to the excerpt from the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive NEACB that was held on 6 September 2007:

“...the Executive Committee of the NEACB decided:

- *That the subject Entrepreneurship be implemented in Grade 8 from 2008 as a pre-vocational subject replacing the subject Business Management. Business Management will phase out as a JSC subject at the end of 2009. In the light of this decision the Executive Committee recommends that the NEACB rescinds its decision to postpone the implementation of Entrepreneurship taken at the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board on 17 July 2007”*

This decision has the following implications:

Entrepreneurship will be phased in (in the place of Business Management) commencing with Grade 8 in 2008, followed by Grade 9 in January 2009 and Grade 10 in January 2010. Entrepreneurship will be examined for the first time at JSC level in Grade 10 in 2010.

This implies that 2007 will be the last year that learners can take Business Management in Grade 8. Business Management will be examined for the last time at JSC level in Grade 10 in 2009.

## **2. PROVISION OF SYLLABUSES, TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER SUPPORT MATERIALS**

To ensure that teachers who will be teaching Entrepreneurship are equipped to teach the new subject, the following support materials were developed and printed and are ready for dissemination to schools.

### **2.1 ENTREPRENEURSHIP SYLLABUS GRADE 8**

The syllabus for Entrepreneurship Grades 8-10 has been approved by the National Examination, Assessment and Certification Board and is currently being printed by NIED.

Each school will receive two sets of syllabuses: one set is for use by the teachers, the second set should be kept by school management as a back-up.

Each Regional Office will receive syllabuses according to the number of circuits in the region, plus 2 additional sets. It will be the responsibility of Regional Offices to provide schools with additional syllabuses if necessary.

### **2.2 TEXTBOOKS**

The following textbooks were purchased for Entrepreneurship Grade 8:

Name	Author	Publisher	Teacher's/Learner's Use
New Entrepreneurship Education	Caroline Cohrsen	Zebra Publishing	Learner's Unit
Entrepreneurship in Context	A. du Preez et al	Longman	Teacher's Unit

These textbooks will be disseminated by Edumeds to each school towards the end of this year.

### 2.3 OTHER TEACHING AND LEARNING SUPPORT MATERIALS

- An Entrepreneurship Teachers' Guide that provides information on the pedagogical aspects of the subject and examples of practical learner-centred lessons and activities have been developed and printed and will be distributed to all schools teaching Entrepreneurship.
- A set of 7 posters on Entrepreneurship to be used in Grade 8 has been printed and will be disseminated.

The syllabuses, teachers' guides and posters will be disseminated to all schools offering JS subjects. These materials will be provided to the teachers at the training sessions in January 2008.

The syllabus and other support materials will be placed on the NIED website by the end of this year. Please follow the following links to view or download these materials:

[www.nied.edu.na](http://www.nied.edu.na) → NIED Publications → Syllabi → Junior Secondary.

### 3. TEACHER TRAINING

Training in the regions will be conducted by trainers who were trained at NIED on 5-16 February 2007. These are mainly teachers presently teaching Business Management in Grade 8, but the trainers also include Advisory Teachers and NIED officials.

They will be assisted by a training team from InWEnt, a German organisation active in the field of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

Training will take place from 14 to 25 January 2008 in the regions at venues to be decided by the Regional Offices. To maximise the utilisation of human resources, regions will be grouped as follows:

Karas and Hardap

Erongo and Kunene

Omaheke and Otjozondjupa

In-service training for Omaheke and Otjozondjupa will take place at NIED in Okahandja.

More information on the arrangements for the regional in-service training will be communicated to you in a separate letter.

We cordially but urgently request the Regional Directors to inform all interested parties of the implementation of Entrepreneurship in Grade 8 in 2008 as a pre-vocational subject replacing Business Management.

Yours sincerely



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PREVIOUS CIRCULAR: 1/2007

SUBJECT: (1) NEW FORMAT SPECIMEN QUESTION FOR ENGLISH SECOND LANGUAGE NSSC HIGHER LEVEL LITERATURE, PAPER 3: SECTION C (POETRY)  
(2) MARKING GRID FOR ORAL COMPONENT OF PAPER 3

TO: DIRECTORS OF EDUCATION: REGIONS AND HEAD OFFICE  
INSPECTORS OF EDUCATION AND ADVISORY TEACHERS  
PRINCIPALS OF SCHOOLS OFFERING GRADES 11 & 12  
INSTITUTIONS OFFERING NSSC PART-TIME: NAMCOL, TUCSIN,  
DAMELIN