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THE 2025 OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EXAMINATION TIMETABLE AND RELEASE OF RESULTS OF THE 2025 OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EXAMINATION.

1. At the Council of Education Ministers (CEM) meeting held on **Tuesday, 8th April 2025**, the 2025 October/November, National Senior Certificate examination timetable and the date for the release of the results was approved.
2. The 2025 October/November, National Senior Certificate examination will officially commence on **Tuesday, 21st October 2025** with the writing of Computer Application Technology Paper 1 (Practicals) and concludes on **Thursday, 27th November 2025**, with the rewrite of Computer Applications Technology, Paper 1 (Practicals) and Information Technology, Paper 1 (Practicals).

3. It needs to be noted that in Week 1, English, Paper 3 and Afrikaans, Paper 3 will be written on **Thursday, 23rd October 2025** and **Friday, 24th October 2025** respectively. The Paper 3 for the African languages, namely, isiZulu, isiXhosa, isiNdebele; Sesotho, Setswana, Sepedi, siSwati, Tshivenda, and Xitsonga, will be written in **Week 2** on **Monday, 27th October 2025** and **Tuesday, 28th October 2025**. Paper 3 in all the Languages comprises: Creative Writing. **Candidates must be reminded that Paper 3 will be written, before Paper 1 and Paper 2.**
4. The Life Orientation (LO) Common Assessment Task will be written on **Monday 1st September 2025**, with the re-write (i.e. LO Common Assessment Task) scheduled for **Tuesday 14th October 2025**.
5. The Minister will announce the 2025 October/November examination results on Monday, **12th January 2026** and the Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) will release the results to candidates on, **Tuesday, 13th January 2026**.
6. The PEDs are requested to communicate the release date of the 2025 NSC October/November results through their normal communication channels.
7. For any enquiries relating to this circular, please contact the Chief Director: National Assessment and Public examinations (NAPE), Dr RR Poliah, telephone: (012) 357 3900, and/or email: Poliah.R@dbe.gov.za.



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