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EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE ADVERTISED GAUTENG PROVINCIAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (PCEO) POST

A decision has been taken to extend the closing date of applications for the Gauteng and North West PCEO posts. Please refer to NAPTOSA News Flash 20 of 2018 (16 May 2018) [click here](#).

The new closing date for applications is **16:00 on Friday, 20 July 2018**. Also note that the date of appointment of the **North West PCEO post is changed to 1 October 2018**, whilst the date of appointment of the **Gauteng PCEO post remains 1 January 2019**.

IMPLEMENTATION OF WAGE NEGOTIATIONS (SALARY INCREASE) – INTERNAL CIRCULAR ISSUED BY DPSA

The Department of Public Service and Administration issued an internal circular to all state departments with regard to the implementation of the salary increases. The circular states, inter alia, the following:

“As per established practice, there will be special runs for those who were paid on the 15th of June 2018 and it is expected that those who are paid month end, the adjustment will be included in their salaries. The DPSA would like to assure public servants that implementation will be effected in line with the PSCBC agreement and the adjustments will be backdated to 1 April 2018.”

We doubt whether educators' salaries will reflect the new salary notches when they are paid tomorrow. We are aware of the fact that the DPSA has published the adjusted public servants' scales. However, educators' new salary scales have not been published yet. We trust, however, that all public servants, including educators, will indeed, by the end of the month, receive their back payments.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY MINISTERIAL TASK TEAM (MTT)

The report of the History Ministerial Task Team, which was established in 2015, was released by the Minister of Basic Education on 31 May 2018. One of the mandates of the MTT was to investigate the feasibility of making history compulsory in the FET phase.

The MTT conducted case studies in the following countries: South Africa, Nigeria, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Austria, France, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, China, India and Brazil. (See pages 10 to 39 of the Report)

The key recommendations are as follows:

- Introduce History as a compulsory subject in the FET (Grades 10 – 12) Phase.
- Life Orientation to remain a compulsory subject until Grade 9 (GET Phase).
- At FET Phase, compulsory History to replace Life Orientation as one of the Fundamental subjects.
- At the GET phase, Life Orientation to be maintained as a compulsory subject and the content should be strengthened.
- Life Orientation should be phased-out incrementally from the FET curriculum from 2023 (Grade 10) to 2025 (Grade 12).

A copy of the Ministerial Task Team Report as well as the Executive Summary are available on the NAPTOSA (Gauteng) website. [Click here](#).

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