

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (ACT NO. 101 OF 1997)

**MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGHER CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA, AND
BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES REQUIRING A NATIONAL SENIOR
CERTIFICATE:****AMENDMENT OF THE MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO
BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES FOR HOLDERS OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR
CERTIFICATE**

I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, Minister of Higher Education and Training, in terms of section 3 of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997) after consulting the Council on Higher Education, hereby amend the Policy for the Minimum Admission Requirements for Higher Certificate, Diploma, and Bachelor's Degree, as published under GN 751 of 11 July 2008 (the Policy). I amend the Policy to the extent set out in the Schedule.

This amendment to the Policy will be effective from 1 August 2018.

G.N.M. Pandor
Mrs GNM Pandor, MP

Minister of Higher Education and Training

Date: 20-9-2018

SCHEDULE

Amendment of the minimum admission requirements for entry into Bachelor's Degree programmes for holders of the National Senior Certificate

The Schedule to Government Notice 751 published in Gazette 31231 of 11 July 2008 is amended as set out below.

The portion of Paragraph 4 on pages 8 and 9 under the heading "**Bachelor's Degree**" is deleted and is replaced by the following:

"Bachelor's Degree"

The minimum admission requirement is a National Senior Certificate (NSC) with a minimum of 30% in the language of learning and teaching of the higher education institution as certified by Umalusi, coupled with an achievement rating of 4 (Adequate Achievement, 50 – 59%) or better in four 20-credit NSC subjects.

A 20-credit NSC subject is a subject recognised for the seven-subject NSC package as approved by the Minister of Basic Education in terms of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996).

Adequate Achievement in the NSC and in at least four 20-credit NSC subjects provides the primary basis for admission to a Bachelor's Degree programme. An institution is entitled to specify an appropriate level of subject achievement for a particular programme. For example, admission requirements for a Bachelor's Degree programme in Fine Art or Music might include a specified level of achievement in the corresponding recognised NSC subject/s. Similarly, an institution will be entitled to specify subject requirements for a particular programme. For example, Mathematics and Physical Science might be considered as requirements for admission to a Bachelor of Science Degree.