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ATTENTION : Mr. D. Diale

ICM : Call for Comments on the National Senior Certificate for Adults (NACSA)

Dear mr. Diale

Since its inception in 1992, the Association for Homeschooling represents the homeschooling community schooling in South Africa.

The Association would like to thank the minister for the opportunity for commenting on the planned National Senior Certificate for Adults.

We receive many calls from adults that cannot be accommodated in schools anymore, but need a matric in order to get access to tertiary education or get employment, and want to get a matric through home education. However since the introduction of the new matric, the cost of getting a matric through home education has become prohibitively expensive.

The Association strongly supports the proposed National Certificate for Adults, because this will create opportunities for these adults to get tertiary education and contribute towards the economy. NACSA will give hope to many out of school young people and contribute towards resolving the unemployment in South Africa.

The Association would like to encourage the Department of HET to implement NACSA as soon as possible and request the department to keep the Association updated on the progress on this very important endeavour.

Yours sincerely

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