622 922 learners from Grade 1 to 6 and 09 will from 16 to 19 September 2014 write the Annual national Assessment.

The Department has already ensured that all systems are in place for the smooth writing of this Assessment.

The Department intends to improve the assessment results. This was the third time since 2011 that an assessment of this magnitude has been conducted under the umbrella of the Annual National Assessment (ANA), an initiative of the Department of Education (DBE) to improve the quality of performance in the system.

ANA was put in place by the DBE as a strategy to annually measure progress in learner achievement towards the 2014 target of ensuring that at least 60% of learners achieve acceptable levels in Literacy and Numeracy.

ANA targets Literacy and Numeracy because these have been found universally to be the key foundational skills for successful learning in school and beyond.

The tests are administered in all the eleven official languages in the foundation phase and in the two languages of teaching and learning in the Intermediate and Senior Phase.

From 2012 the assessment included all learners in Grades 1 - 6 and Grade 9 and was administered in the third quarter of the school year.

In 2014 the DBE will also pilot the assessment of a sample of learners in Grades 7 and 8. Based on the findings of the pilot, a decision will be made in 2015 on the assessment of Grade 7 and 8 learners.

Marking will be done in schools immediately after the writing of the tests and should be completed before the closure of schools for September holidays.

There will be Centralized moderation of marking for Grades 3, 6 & 9.
select a sample of 3 scripts per class per grade for central moderation after marking at school

Marking moderators were selected and were appointed by the 1st week of August 2014

Capturing will be done by schools and the province will capture the sampled scripts together with scripts of either grade 3 or 6 for the independent schools.

The Department request communities to create an enabling environment for learners to write this important Assessment.

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