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CIRCULAR S30 OF 2022: COMPREHENSION ACROSS THE CURRICULUM (CATC) PROGRAMME

The National Education Collaboration Trust (NECT) in collaboration with the Department of Education has developed the ETDP SETA funded Comprehension Across the Curriculum programme. The online professional development opportunity aims to upskill 10 000 teachers of all grades and subjects to better teach reading comprehension skills across the curriculum. In the post COVID-19 environment, the programme also aims to support teachers in the areas of psychosocial support, health and safety guidance and curriculum catch-up.

The programme seeks to raise awareness about the importance of teaching comprehension and critical thinking across all phases and it shares some well-researched processes and strategies, that build comprehension skills and critical thinking.

There are four variations of the course, each designed to be age appropriate and to support content and skills acquisition in that phase:

- Foundation Phase
- Intermediate Phase
- Senior Phase
- Further Education and Training Phase

The training programme, which can be accessed on the NECT website (www.nect.org.za), has a duration of 6 hours, which can be completed over a period of two weeks and beneficiaries who complete the programme will receive 5 CPTD points through SACE and a digital certificate upon completion.

We look forward to your support in communicating information of the CATC programme to the Curriculum Directorate and to schools in your province. Details of this programme are summarised in the brochure **Annexure A**.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Yours Sincerely

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MR HM MWELI
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE: [28/10/2022](#)