

2021 RECOVERY ANNUAL TEACHING PLANS

NATURAL SCIENCES

GRADE 7

Implementation: January 2021



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Introduction

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COVID 19 led to losses in teaching and learning time due to:

- the lockdown period and **phased reopening** of schools,
- Alternating time tabling models and
- the related health and safety **protocols**.

Furthermore, the revision of the school calendar **and** intermittent closure of many schools negatively **impacted** the **ability of teachers to implement the revised 2020 ATPs** as envisioned.

To mediate the impact and support teachers in managing teaching, assessment and learning within the reduced **time**, the DBE in 2020 implemented:

- **Circular S3** that outlined and **guided teachers to conduct context specific subject trimming**, in consultation with subject advisors.
- **National Assessment Circular 02** and **Circular E 11** to guide school-based assessment in phases and subjects

Principles

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Use of the **2020 Curriculum Recovery Framework** as the base document

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Learning losses inform the **Three Year Recovery Plans for School –based Assessment**

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Management of the learning losses and the **School Based Recovery Plans**

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Create opportunities through adjusted ATPs to strengthen **pre-knowledge, consolidation, revision, and deeper learning**

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Entrench **Assessment for Learning** as a **Pedagogical Approach** to address the learning losses



Principles

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The 2021 Recovery ATPs maintains the use of current LTSM and resources already available in the system.

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Content topics removed in 2020 were not automatically returned in the 2021 Recovery ATPs.

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Fundamental and core topics were retained in the Recovery ATPs

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To guide and support effective teaching and learning



Underpinning Assumptions

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ASSUMPTION 1

All learners will return to school from day 1 of the 2021 academic year and norm-times as stipulated in the CAPS will be adhered to for the entire school year;

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ASSUMPTION 2

Learning losses due to COVID-19 across grades and subjects will vary from school to school, class to class and even within classes.

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ASSUMPTION 3

Each Teacher will have a record of learning losses and Departmental Heads and Subject Advisors will monitor progress in learning loss recovery;

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ASSUMPTION 4

All schools will develop & implement school-based support programmes for all grades/years with particular focus on all the exit grades/years (3, 6, 9 and 12) throughout the three-year period.

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ASSUMPTION 5

All Circulars related to the 2020 ATPs including SBA to be withdrawn and revised to align to the 2021 ATPs.

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ASSUMPTION 6

Schools have systems in place to manage the possibility of a second wave of the pandemic in Q1 and Q3 of the 2021

The Development of the 2021 Recovery ATPs

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The Recovery ATPs are aligned to the:

- 2021 School calendar
- Abridged Section 4 of CAPS
- Curriculum and assessment principles as prescribed in the CAPS policy for **Natural Sciences**

Purpose

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- To show the **outline of the content** for this grade for 2021;
- To mediate the Recovery Annual Teaching Plan (ATP) and the School Based Assessment for Natural Sciences, **Grade 7 for implementation in January 2021 as stipulated in Circular S11 of 2020.**
- To ensure **meaningful teaching and learning for 2021** against the backdrop of the 2020 circumstances occasioned by the Coronavirus;
- To enable teachers to **bridge missed** content - skills, knowledge, values, and attitudes - from previous grades and covering content for the current grade;

Content Overview for the Phase

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Natural Sciences

Term	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The biosphere• Biodiversity• Sexual Reproduction• Variation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Photosynthesis and respiration• Interactions and interdependence within the environment• Micro-organisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cells as the basic units of life• Systems of the human body integrated with the Human reproduction system• Systems of the human body integrated with the Circulatory and Respiratory systems• Systems of the human body integrated with Digestive system
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solids, liquids and gases (grade 6)• Properties of materials• Solution as a special mixture (grade 6)• Dissolving (grade 6)• Separating mixtures• Acids, bases and neutrals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the periodic table of elements (Grade 7)• Atoms• Particle model of matter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compounds• Chemical reactions (Grade 8)• Chemical reactions• Reactions of metals with oxygen• Reactions of non-metals with oxygen• Acids & bases, and pH value• Reactions of acids with bases: Parts I

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Natural Sciences

Term	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sources of Energy• Potential & Kinetic energy• Heat Transfer• Electric circuits (Grade 6)• Electrical conductors and insulators (Grade 6)• Insulation & energy saving• Energy transfer to surroundings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential and kinetic energy (Grade 7)• Static electricity• Energy transfer in electrical systems• Series and parallel circuits• Visible light	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forces• Electric cells as energy systems• Resistance• Series and parallel circuits• Safety with electricity• Energy and the national electricity grid• Cost of electrical power
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Solar System (Grade 6)• Movements of the Earth and planets (Grade 6)• Relationship of the sun to the earth• The movement of the Moon (Grade 6)• Relationship of the moon to the earth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Solar System• Beyond the Solar System• Looking into space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Earth as a system• Lithosphere• Atmosphere• Mining of mineral resources• Birth; life and death of star

Summary: Content/Topics Amended

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Content/Topics	Term	Amendment
The Biosphere	1	Retained
Biodiversity	1	Retained
Sexual Reproduction	1	Retained
Variation	1	Retained
Solids, liquids and gases (grade 6)	2	Recovered from Grade 6
Properties of Materials	2	Reduced
Solution as a special mixture (grade 6)	2	Recovered from Grade 6
Dissolving (grade 6)	2	Recovered from Grade 6
Separating Mixtures	2	Retained
Acids, bases and neutrals	2	Retained
Introduction to the Periodic table of Elements	2	Removed

Summary: Content/Topics Amended

Content/Topics	Term	Amendment
Sources of Energy	3	Retained
Potential and Kinetic energy	3	Retained
Heat Transfer	3	Retained
Electric circuits (Grade 6)	3	Recovered from Grade 6
Electrical conductors and insulators (Grade 6)	3	Recovered from Grade 6
Insulation and energy saving	3	Reduced
Energy transfer to surroundings	3	Retained
National electricity supply system	3	Removed
The Solar System (Grade 6)	4	Recovered from Grade 6
Movements of the Earth and planets (Grade 6)	4	Recovered from Grade 6
Relationship of the Sun to the Earth	4	Reduced in time
The movement of the Moon (Grade 6)	4	Recovered from Grade 6
Relationship of the moon to the earth	4	Retained
Historical development of astronomy	4	Removed



Amendments to the Annual Teaching Plan

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- The Recovery ATP for Natural Sciences has the **same content as in CAPS**, however, this content has been arranged as follows:
 - Some topics have been **cut out completely**;
 - Content in some topics has been **reduced**;
 - Some topics have been **brought back**;
 - Some **topics from Grade 6** have been included with **reduced time**;
- *Planet Earth and Beyond* content has been **brought back**;
- **Textbooks** can be used as they are, but noting the omitted content in the Recovery ATP for Natural Sciences;
- Each grade has to have **textbooks for both the current and the previous grade**.

Summary: Programme of Assessment

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- **Both formal and informal assessment** should continue as normal, and as stated in the *Revised Section 4 of the Natural Sciences CAPS*;
- The development of **Science Process Skills** is key to the teaching and learning of the subject;
- **Recording** of informal assessment is left to the discretion of the teacher;
- Learners should **read** and **write regularly** to develop **language** skills as well;

Summary: Programme of Assessment

The 2021 formal assessment tasks for **Grade 7** are as follows:

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical Task/ Investigation: 20 marks• Test: 60 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical Task/ Investigation: 20 marks• Test: 80 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project: 30 marks• Test: 60 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Test: 80 marks

- For further details on **Weighting** please refer to the *Abridged Section 4* document

Programme of Assessment

	Term 1		Term 2		Term 3		Term 4
Form of Assessment	Practical Task/ Investigation (40%)	Test (60%)	Practical Task/ Investigation (40%)	Examination (60%)	Project (40%)	Test (60%)	Examination
Minimum Marks	20	60	20	80	30	60	80
SBA Weighting	6%	10%	6%		8%	10%	
Exam Weighting				30%			30%
Content and skills focus	Term 1	Term 1	Term 2	Term 1 (40%) Term 2 (60%)	Any content for the year	Term 3	Term 3 (60%) Term 4 (40%)
No. of Tasks	2		2		2		1

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