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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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**TO: ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR: DISTRICT OPERATIONS  
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DISTRICT CURRICULUM HEADS  
CIRCUIT MANAGERS  
DISTRICT SUBJECT ADVISORS  
CHIEF EDUCATION SPECIALIST  
PRINCIPALS AND STAFF: PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

**Circular No: 53 /2019**

**SUBJECT: CALL FOR SCHOOLS TO REGISTER FOR THE 2020 DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION SPELLING BEE SOUTH AFRICA AND READING CLUBS PROGRAMME**

As part of the Read to lead Campaign the Department of Basic Education (DBE) hosted the DBE Spelling Bee South Africa (National Spelling Bee championship) at UNISA in Pretoria on 21 September 2019. This is a campaign to improve learner performance in languages, especially in English. Spelling Bee is a game in which the participants compete in spelling words orally. The Spelling Bee targets learners in Grade 4 to 6 (Intermediate Phase).

The Northern Cape Department of Education believes that participation in the Spelling Bee will enhance the quality of learning and teaching, thereby resulting in improved learner performance.

The 2019 National Spelling Bee season started with schools responding to the call to register for the competition by completing a registration form. All schools are invited to participate in the 2020 Spelling Bee Competition. There is tremendous growth in the number of schools that enrolled to participate in the competition. The Intermediate phase (Grade 4-6) is the only category for the competition and winners will proceed to the National championships. Schools are requested to encourage learners to participate in the competition. The competition will be held in **English** only.



To register learners, schools are requested to fill in the application form attached.

Complete Registrations must be forwarded to Ms Beryl Khumalo at the following:

Email: [berylkhumalo@gmail.com](mailto:berylkhumalo@gmail.com)

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The 2020 Spelling words for use can be accessed on the home page of the main website ([www.education.gov.za](http://www.education.gov.za)) by simply typing "2020 DBE Spelling Bee SA words" and searching the website and also on the HRMS of the NCDOE. The participation rules will also be accessible on the same page.

The closing date for **REGISTRATION** is **30 April 2020**.

Your commitment in ensuring that the Northern Cape Department of Education Spelling Bee programme is a success is highly appreciated.

All schools including Special schools and Home School Learners are invited to register for the competition. Participation in the programme is free.

Kind Regards



**DR M.I ISHMAIL**

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL: CURRICULUM, EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT**



**Annexure B**



**basic education**  
 Department:  
 Basic Education  
 REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



**SPELLING BEE SOUTH AFRICA**  
 Reading clubs

**SPELLING BEE REGISTRATION FORM**

*[This form must be completed and submitted to the District/ Provincial coordinator. Only grades 4-6 learners from public, independent, special and registered home education learners are eligible for registration]*

**Name of the Province:**..... **District:**.....

Name of School						
Telephone number of the School		( )				
Fax number of the School		( )				
Emis number of the School						
Postal Address of the school						
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Code						
Residential/ Physical Address of the school						
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Code if any						
Name of the Principal						
Cell-/Contact No. of the Principal						
E-Mail of the Principal						
Particulars of learners or a learner taking part:						
	Surname	Name (S)	Grade	Gender	Home Language	Date of Birth
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
<b>NB: Write on separate page and attach to the form if space is not enough</b>						

10/1/17

Signature of the Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

