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To: All Heads of School – Secondary (State and Non-State)

From: Denise Gatt, Acting Director Quality Assurance

Subject: School Secondary Certificate and Profile (SSC&P) Scholastic Year 2021-2022

The Directorate for Quality and Standards in Education (DQSE) would like to remind schools of the main procedures and parameters guiding the SSC&P process for the scholastic year 2021/22 as per letter circular DQSE 01-2015 dated 11th May 2015. We would like to reaffirm that the School Secondary Certificate and Profile (SSC&P) is meant to be a certification of the learner's experience in the secondary school, and specific subjects should not be treated as stand-alone components.

To align ourselves with international accepted terminology all reference to informal learning in the SSC&P will now be referred to as Non-Formal After School hours. This change is to be considered just a change in terminology and will not impact process or associated weighting in any way.

The DQSE would also like to remind schools that only institutions registered with DQSE are eligible to provide non-formal afterschool activities. It is recommend that schools disseminate with parents the link to the list of registered non formal providers found in the Ministry for Education and Sport (MEDS) website: (<https://education.gov.mt/en/nonformaleducation/Pages/Institution/list-of-service-providers.aspx>).

The DQSE will be the contact point for any issues dealing with the SSC&P. Should one require further information one can contact DQSE by email customercare.dqse@gov.mt.

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