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RTMC WELCOMES INCLUSION OF ROAD SAFETY IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM AS A GAME CHANGER

The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) proudly welcomes the official inclusion of road safety education in the South African school curriculum, following the launch of the new Life Skills (Grades 4–6) and Life Orientation (Grades 7–12) textbooks on 13 June 2025 by the Department of Basic Education.

This milestone represents a game changer in the national effort to reduce road fatalities and promote responsible road use among future generations. By embedding road safety education into the curriculum, South Africa takes a significant step toward institutionalising life-saving knowledge and cultivating a culture of road safety from a young age.

The RTMC initiated this journey in 2017, recognising the urgent need to introduce structured and impactful road safety content into the schooling system. Although the RTMC is not an organisation that specialises in education, it brings deep expertise in road safety that has shaped the development of relevant, accessible content aligned with the National Curriculum Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS).

“We are extremely proud to see road safety formally introduced into classrooms across the country,” said RTMC CEO, Adv. Makhosini Msibi. “This inclusion ensures that road

safety education is not treated as a once-off campaign but becomes part of the national consciousness, embedded in the values and knowledge of every learner.”

The project has been a collaborative effort, led by the Department of Basic Education in partnership with the National Education Collaboration Trust (NECT), and supported by key stakeholders.

Through this initiative, learners from Grades 4 to 12 will gain essential knowledge, values, and skills that not only enhance their safety but empower them to influence their families and communities. Teacher training and content contextualisation have also been prioritised to ensure the material is engaging and relevant to diverse learner groups.

The RTMC remains committed to supporting the rollout, teacher training, and long-term sustainability of this vital intervention. We believe that road safety education at school level lays the foundation for a safer, more responsible road-using public — ultimately saving lives.

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