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## **CIRCULAR PSLM005/012020**

### **TO ALL HEADS OF NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS**

#### **POSTPONEMENT OF SCHEDULED COMPETENCY BASED ASSESSMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT SERVICE (SMS) IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.**

Following the announcement by the President of the Republic of South Africa on lockdown for 21 days starting from Thursday midnight of 26 March 2020, the DPSA hereby advice departments to postpone scheduled competency based assessment during this period to future dates. The purchase orders which were already issued will need to be re-issued after the lockdown.

However, in the case where the assessments are for the appointment of critical posts that are regarded as essential services, such should continue and service providers have been advised to exercise and observe measures as announced by the Department of Health.

Your continued efforts in complying with the provisions of the Directive on competency based assessments are highly appreciated.

**MS YOLISWA MAKHASI**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

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