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### **DIRECTORATE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND STANDARDS CIRCULAR 1 OF 2011**

All PDEs, DEOs and MEOs for Distribution to:  
All Principals of Primary and Diploma Training Colleges  
All Heads of Primary and Secondary schools

### **RE: APPROVED LIST OF SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (THE ORANGE BOOK 2011)**

Since the inception of the Free Primary Education (FPE) in 2003, the Ministry of Education has been publishing the "Approved List of School Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials" commonly referred to as **The Orange Book**. This has been the practice every December when new curriculum materials are incorporated after receiving Approval Status and the old ones phased out in line with the Curriculum Review of 2002.

This year, only **three (3) new Course Books** were approved for use and it would not therefore be cost effective to print 30,000 copies of new Orange Books just to incorporate the 3 new titles. It has therefore been decided that the review and printing of the Orange Book will be undertaken in December 2011 when more books for both 2010 and 2011 would have been awarded Approved Status.

The purpose of this circular is to draw your attention to these new developments and to guide the school management in all procurement and purchases of course books and curriculum materials as follows:

## 1. The Additional Course Books

This year, only **3 Course Books** were awarded the Approved Status two (2) for **Class 8 Social Studies** and one (1) for **Business Studies for Form 4**. These three will replace the existing Course Books for Social Studies and Business Studies that were in the 2010 Orange Book. These titles are:

### Social Studies Books 2011 Approved Books for Standard 8

| Class | Ordering code | Title                                | Authors                                                                       | Publisher | Price  | Year of Publication | Year of Approval |
|-------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|---------------------|------------------|
| 8     | 269a          | Our lives Today: Social Studies (PB) | Cephas C. Kamau<br>Maryclaire Indire<br>Gideon M. Ombongi<br>Feliciana Rutere | OUP       | 395.00 | 2010                | 2010             |
|       | 601a          | Our Lives Today: Social Studies (TG) |                                                                               |           | 255.00 |                     |                  |
| 8     | 272a          | Revised Social Studies BK 8 (PB)     | Karen Anyika<br>Simon Muthee<br>Eliud Mucoki                                  | JKF       | 380.00 | 2010                | 2010             |
|       | 604a          | Revised Social Studies Bk 8 (TG)     |                                                                               |           | 320.00 |                     |                  |

### Business Studies 2011 Approved Books for Form 4

| Form | No | Title                                 | Author                                           | Publisher | Price  | Year of Publication | Year of Approval |
|------|----|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|---------------------|------------------|
| 4    | 4a | Longman Explore Business Studies (SB) | Cyprian Nkondi<br>Aggrey oduor<br>Jennifer Owade | Longman   | 435.00 | 2010                | 2010             |
|      | 4b | Longman Explore Business Studies (TG) |                                                  |           | 395.00 |                     |                  |

## 2. Approved List of Books 2010

The Approved List of Books and Materials contained in 2010 Orange Book are still valid except for class 8 Social studies and form 4 Business Studies shown above. All schools should procure books and materials using the 2010 Orange Book and the 3 titles above.

## 3. Price Adjustment

Following the appeal by Kenya Publishers Association (KPA) on the inflation of non-food items in the publishing industry and the ministry's subsequent consultation with the Ministry of Planning and National Development (Central Bureau of Statistics), the publishers have been allowed to increase their prices between **0%** to a maximum of **12%**. The decision of the percentage increase is at the discretion of the publisher but should not exceed 12% of the present published price in the 2010 Orange Book.

However, for purposes of control of this increase, by a copy of this circular, every Publisher must publicly publish their price increases within the range of 0% - 12% threshold for each and every book they have in the 2010 Orange Book. Copies of new price list duly certified by Director Quality Assurance and Standards must be sent to schools, Booksellers, DEOs and PDEs. **No bookseller is allowed to increase any price above the one indicated by the Publishers.**

#### **4. The Kenya Booksellers List**

The list of Booksellers in the 2010 Orange Book is valid. Additional list of new registered booksellers will be sent to schools once this is verified between the Kenya Booksellers Association and the Directorate of Quality Assurance and Standards.

#### **5. Change of Business name and ownership of Macmillan Kenya Limited**

This is to inform all stakeholders in the book industry particularly schools and booksellers that Macmillan Kenya Ltd ownership has changed hands. The company will now operate as **Moran Publishers Limited** and has taken over all the books in the Orange book published by the previous Macmillan Kenya Limited company.

**NB**

- (i) All schools should only procure books appearing in the Orange Book 2010 and the ones in this Circular
- (ii) No school management Committee/Boards of Governors should accept any books whose price increase is above the recommended maximum of 12% increase.



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