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APPENDIX A: ETHICAL RESEARCH APPROVAL



RESEARCH ETHICS APPROVAL

Date: 28 August 2023

This is to confirm that ethical clearance has been provided by the Faculty Research and Innovation Committee
[01/06/16] in view of the CUT Research Ethics and Integrity Framework, 2016.

[HREIC] ST.M.Ed 09/23/11

Ethical clearance number:

Applicant's Name and student number	MS Nyenyé 2070240 22
Supervisor's Name for Student Project	Dr MA Modise
Level of Qualification for Student's Project	M.Ed
Title of research project	Exploration of factors contributing towards the decline in enrolment of learners in commercial subjects.
FRIC approval number	FRIC 09/23/11

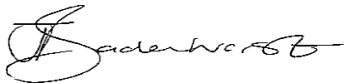
All conditions as set out below must be met as set out in your LS 262 a form. As this research focuses primarily on human beings you will be ethically responsible for:

- protecting the rights and welfare of the participants;

- gaining the trust and co-operation of all the participants with the assurance that the information collected will be kept confidential;
- informing the participants from the outset that their participation will be voluntary, and that the data collected will be conducted with the consent of the relevant authorities at the participant schools;
- adhere to the principles of rigorous data collection, analysis and interpretation consistent with the design of the study;
- keeping a data trail for possible auditing purposes and safe-keeping of raw data for a period of three years after publication of the results/findings;
- respecting the confidentiality of the data.

We wish you success with your research project.

Regards



Prof JW Badenhorst
(Chairperson: Faculty of Humanities Research Ethics and Integrity Committee)

APPENDIX B: PERMISSION TO CONDUCT ACADEMIC RESEARCH

Enquiries: M.Z. Thango
Ref: Research Permission: M. S. Nyenye
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Dear Mr. M. S. Nyenye

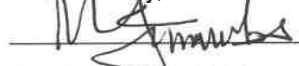
PERMISSION TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN THE FREE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: THABO MOFUTSANYANA DISTRICT

This letter serves to inform you that you have been granted permission to conduct research in the Free State Department of Education within the Thabo Mofutsanyana Education District. The details in relation to your research project with the Central University of Technology are as follows:

Topic: Exploring factors contributing towards the enrolment decline in commercial subjects in Secondary schools in Thabo Mofutsanyana Education District (TMED).

- List of schools involved:** EE Monese Secondary School, Ithabiseng Secondary School, Libertas Secondary School, Marquard Combined School, Mohlodi-Thuto Secondary School and Paul Erasmus High School.
- Target Population:** Five Departmental Heads, five EMS educators, and twenty-five learners at the selected schools.
- Period of research:** From the signature of this letter until 30 September 2024. Please note that the department does not allow any research to be conducted during the fourth term (quarter) of the academic year. Should you fall behind your schedule by three months to complete your research project in the approved period, you will need to apply for an extension. The researcher is expected to request permission from the school principals to conduct research at schools.
- The approval is subject to the following conditions:
 - The collection of data should not interfere with the normal tuition time or teaching process.
 - A bound copy of the research document should be submitted to the Free State Department of Education, Room 101, 1st Floor, Thuto House, St. Andrew Street, Bloemfontein or can be emailed to the above-mentioned email address.
 - You will be expected, on completion of your research study to make a presentation to the relevant stakeholders in the Department.
 - The ethics documents must be adhered to in the discourse of your study in our department.
- Please note that costs relating to all the conditions mentioned above are your own responsibility.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr. MZAMO W. JACOBS
DIRECTOR: QUALITY ASSURANCE, M&E AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

DATE: 09/05/2024

APPENDIX C: PRINCIPAL CONSENT FORM

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Dear Principal

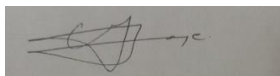
I, Malefane Steven Nyenye humbly request permission to interview one commercial subject educator as well as five grade 9 learners in the identified school, the purpose of this interview is to gather an in-depth information regarding factors contributing towards the decline in enrolment of learners in commercial subjects. I am conducting this research in fulfilment of the requirements for the Degree Master of Education in the faculty of Humanities at the Central University of Technology, Free State. The main objective is to determine the strategies that can be implemented in order to ensure an increase in enrolment of learners in commercial subjects.

Should you be willing to grant me the permission to interview a commercial subject educator and five grade 9 learners at, I therefore ask you to sign this consent form below:

I,, Hereby agree/disagree that one commercial subject educator and five grade 9 learners who are at the school indicated above to participate in the research that is conducted by **Mr Malefane Steven Nyenye**. I am aware that the above-mentioned educator and learners can withdraw at any stage of the research and shall not face any consequence for withdrawing to participate since participation is voluntary, and that the identities will be anonymous and whatever the information that is received from them will be treated with confidentiality and will not be revealed to any third party.

Signature of principal

Date



2025/03/31

Signature of the person obtaining consent

Date

Finally, I thank you for taking your valuable time to consider my request, please feel free to contact me on the following details below for clarity:

Cell phone number: 074 532 1558

Email: dingaansteven@gmail.com

APPENDIX D: PARENT(S) CONSENT FORM

M.S. Nyenye

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The Grade 9 Parent(s)

Dear parent(s)

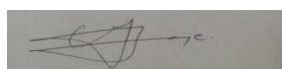
I, **Malefane Steven Nyenye** humbly request permission to interview your child in the identified school, the purpose of this interview is to gather an in-depth information regarding factors contributing towards the decline in enrolment of learners in commercial subjects. I am conducting this research in fulfilment of the requirements for the Degree Master of Education in the faculty of Humanities at the Central University of Technology, Free State. The main objective is to determine the strategies that can be implemented to ensure an increase in enrolment of learners in commercial subjects.

Should you be willing to grant me the permission to interview your child who attending school at..... I therefore request you to sign this consent form below.

I,, hereby **agree/disagree** that my child who is attending school indicated above to participate in the research that is conducted by Mr **Malefane Steven Nyenye**. I am aware that my child can withdraw at any stage of the mentioned nature of research and shall not face any consequence for withdrawing to participate since participation is voluntary, and that the identity of my child will be anonymous and whatever the information that is received from my child will be treated with confidentiality and will not be revealed to any third party.

Signature of parent

Date



2025/03/31

Signature of the person obtaining consent

Date

Finally, I thank you for taking your valuable time to consider my request, please feel free to contact me on the following details below for clarity:

Cell phone number: 074 532 1558

Email: [dingaansteven@gmail.com](mailto:dingansteven@gmail.com)

APPENDIX E: CONSENT FORM

I _____, consent to be interviewed by **Malefane Steven Nyenye** for his study on “***Exploration of factors contributing towards the decline in enrolment of learners in commercial subjects in Thabo Mofutsanyana District (TMED)***”. I understand that: Participation in this interview is voluntary. That I may refuse to answer any question I’m not comfortable with. I may withdraw from the study at any time. No information that may identify me will be included in the research report, and my responses will be treated with confidentiality.

Initial and Surname: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX F: INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR EDUCATORS

1. What is the most important determinant for learners choosing Commercial Stream in FET phase?
2. What other contributing factors, you think influence their individual decision on which stream to follow in FET phase?
3. What strategies do you use to promote Commercial Subjects to the learners in Grade 9?
4. What strategies do educators and SMT members use to promote Commercial Subjects to their parents?
5. Does the school have sufficient resources including LTSM for Commercial Subjects?
6. What do you think is the biggest contributor to a decrease in enrolment of learners in Commercial Subjects?

APPENDIX G: INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR LEARNERS

Semi – Structured questions for learners

1. Would you choose Commercial Subjects stream in FET phase? If yes, Why?
2. Why would you not choose Commercial Subjects as a stream in FET phase?
3. What is your understanding of Commercial Subjects?
4. Who or what is your biggest influence in deciding on your subjects?
5. What value do you think Commercial Subjects would contribute to your school career?
6. Who makes your final subjects choice?

APPENDIX H: LETTER OF INTENTION TO SUBMIT

TO: The Supervisor / Programme Head: Post Graduate Studies

Professor M.A Modise

FROM: Mr M.S Nyenye

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SUBJECT: Intention to submit my dissertation

Dear Sir,

As a registered student at Central University of Technology (FS), Welkom campus. I am currently doing my M.Ed. degree in education; the title of dissertation is “**Exploring factors contributing towards the enrolment decline in commercial subjects in secondary schools in Thabo Mofutsanyana education district (TMED)**”

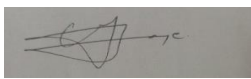
As a registered student at CUT I would like to submit my dissertation.

I rely on your positive consideration.

Yours faithfully

M.S Nyenye

Signature:



APPENDIX I: SIMILARITY REPORT

NYENYE

ORIGINALITY REPORT

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PRIMARY SOURCES

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APPENDIX J: EDITING LETTER

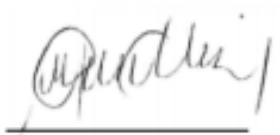


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