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Draft Circular on Distance Education.

The Distance Education is committed to make available for its membership study at all levels and for all ages. SOMAFCO as a multi-sectoral insitution provides education at Nursery, Primary and Secondary levels and there is an Adult Education sector for the working population.

To maximise the availability of study opportunity, the Dept. of Education is currently negotiating with the Commonwealth Secretariat about the setting up of a distance education programme to be called the South African Extension Unit (SAEU). This Unit will enable our cadres to learn by correspondence and plans are being made for establishing courses in English, Mathematics and Agriculture (basic). At a later date, new courses will be added. For the present all those wishing to undertake study by correspondence should apply to the Coordinator of Adult Education based in Mazimbu The attached application form should be submitted and if approved, an external application form will be issued to the applicant. This application form will be sent to a correspondence College approved by the Education Secretariat. An application has been made for a budget to pay for these courses.

The students who are studying by correspondence will come under the supervision of the Adult Education division which will arrange tutorial assistance where possible and will monitor the students' work.