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Guide for Students

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National Educational Psychological Service. State psychological service that works with school communities. They work with teachers, parents and children in identifying educational needs. They offer services aimed at meeting these needs, for example, supporting individual students (through consultation and assessment), special projects and research.

NEPS. See **National Educational Psychological Service.**

RACE scheme. The “Scheme for Reasonable Accommodations in the Certificate Examinations”. It is the scheme for dealing with all of the special access and other arrangements that are needed to accommodate students with special educational needs.

RA section. See **Reasonable Accommodations Section.**

Reader/Reading assistance. Assistance with reading the question paper. A person who reads some or all of the question paper for you. They read only what you ask them to read. The reader can only read exactly what is printed, and is not allowed to interpret or rephrase questions or give you any other help. They cannot write for you, unless they are also your **scribe**. If you can read most of the examination yourself and only need help with some words or phrases, then you will be sharing a reader with other candidates with

similar needs. If you need everything read to you, you will have an **individual reader**.

Reading Pen. See exam reading pen.

Reasonable accommodation. An arrangement that a person providing a service to the public has to make to allow a person with a disability to access the service.

Reasonable Accommodations Section. The section in the State Examinations Commission that deals with all applications for the special arrangements available under the **RACE scheme**.

Scribe. A person who writes down the answers that you say. The scribe can only write down exactly what you say and cannot give you any other help. They can read back what they have written down, but they cannot read the questions for you, unless they are also your **reader**.

SEC. See **State Examinations Commission**.

Special centre. A small examination centre shared by a number of examination candidates using access arrangements, such as word processors/laptops, or who have particular physical, medical, emotional or behavioural needs. A special centre will have no more than 8 candidates. A special centre for students being

