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**To:** College Principals  
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**Subject:** SEC 42 Retail and SEC 43 Hairdressing & Beauty Suspension

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MATSEC would like to inform the general public, that, due to circumstances beyond its control, and following discussions and in agreement with the educational authorities, **SEC 42 Retail** and **SEC 43 Hairdressing & Beauty** will not be offered for certification after 2026.

This suspension means that student who will be starting Year 9 as from scholastic year 2024-2025, will not be able to register as SEC candidates to sit for examinations in these subjects – as per new VET assessment model – from 2027 onwards.

Meanwhile, MATSEC remains committed to ensure that candidates who are already registered in the ongoing 2024, 2025, and 2026 cohorts, are awarded the respective certificates on completion of their studies.

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