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**TO: SKILLS DEVELOPMENT STAKEHOLDERS
SECTOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING AUTHORITIES
QCTO QUALITY PARTNERS
ACCREDITED SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROVIDERS
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CC: SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QQSF POLICY 2021 – CLARIFICATION OF TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT FOR PRE- 2009 QUALIFICATIONS AND UNIT STANDARDS, OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, AND PART QUALIFICATIONS

The Occupational Qualifications Sub Framework (OQSF) Policy 2021, Notice No. 1463 published in Govt. Gazette No 45401 of 29 October 2021 refers.

The abovementioned policy gives effect to the Ministerial Determination on the three sub-frameworks that comprise the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), Government Gazette Notice No. 1391 published in Govt. Gazette No 44031 of 24 December 2020.

The Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) hereby provides further clarity on the implications of the transitional arrangements for pre-2009 qualifications and unit standards, occupational qualifications, and part qualifications:

- a. The learner registration end date for pre-2009 qualifications and unit standards on the OQSF shall be 30 June 2023.
- b. The learner enrolment end date for pre-2009 qualifications and unit standards shall be 30 June 2024.
- c. The learner achievement end date for pre-2009 qualifications and unit standards on the

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OQSF shall be 30 June 2027.

- d. The old trades are covered by the dates stipulated above as part of pre-2009 qualifications.

The accreditation periods for pre-2009 qualifications will also cease in accordance with the Ministerial Determination. This means most if not all pre-2009 qualifications accreditation will expire on 30 June 2023 and the teach-out period until 30 June 2027.

All qualifications registered on the NQF must be aligned to the new NQF Level Descriptors by 30 June 2023, to ensure coherence in learning, and enable the allocation of qualifications to particular levels in order to assess their compatibility and parity of esteem.

Records of learner achievements for qualifications or part-qualifications that reach the last date of enrolment and last date of achievement remain valid.

Other OQSF qualifications, namely registered Occupational Certificates will be reviewed and re-registered with qualification types (nomenclatures) in accordance with the New Ministerial Determination.

Note that all applications to develop occupational qualifications and part qualifications, as well as occupational qualifications and part qualifications not yet submitted to QCTO for evaluation, will only be accepted for processing if they comply with the new Ministerial Determination and OQSF policy published in 2021.

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Yours sincerely,



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