

28th May 2024

For Attention: CEOs of Companies
Executive Director of Employer Organizations
General Secretary of Trade Unions
Principals of TVET Colleges

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

RE: COMMUNIQUE' TO FP&M SETA STAKEHOLDERS – EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Valued Stakeholders,

It is important for all accredited skills development providers to note the following:

i. Extension of Deadline for implementation of Transitional Arrangements for SETA Legacy Qualifications

All stakeholders are advised that the Honourable Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Professor Blade Nzimande, has extended the implementation deadline of transitional arrangements for all SETA legacy qualifications – pre 2009 (Under the SAQA Act, 1995). In terms of ***Government Gazette (50742) issued by the Department of Higher Education and Training***, a new directive on the ***Implementation and Transitional Arrangements for pre-2009 Qualifications (under SAQA Act, 1995 (Act 58 of 1995))*** has been published. This Directive replaces the published implementation and transitional arrangements for all pre- 2009 qualifications (Under the ***SAQA Act, 1995***). This Directive takes effect on **01st June 2024**.

ii. Implementation and transitional arrangements for pre-2009 qualifications

The following directives will be implemented related to implementation and transitional arrangements for pre-2009 qualifications:

Extend the last date of enrolment for 374 pre-2009 qualifications for a minimum of 1 year and a maximum of 2 years for qualifications that are in the process of realignment, development, evaluation and recommended to SAQA for registration.

Reasons to extend learner enrolment are as confirmed by SETAs in consultation with industry, these qualifications in the QCTO realignment, evaluation and SAQA registration process.

iii. Accreditation of Skills Development Providers with the QCTO

Accredited skills development providers to note that the accreditation period for pre-2009 qualifications are also extended to the above timeframes. Accreditation of SDPs for the newly QCTO qualifications is now the responsibility of the QCTO, and SDPs are urged to contact the QCTO and to make a direct application to them for renewal of your accreditation status.

The FP&M SETA management is fully committed to assisting and supporting all stakeholders that have challenges regarding the above changes. Stakeholders are urged to attend the QA capacity building workshops that will provide more clarity on the above legislation and the requirements for accreditation with the QCTO.

Wishing you all the best in your skills development endeavours!

Yours sincerely,



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