STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

EXTENSION OF REGISTRATION PERIODS FOR SELECTED FP&M QUALIFICATIONS

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE	DATE OF ISSUE
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IMPORTANT UPDATE

Selected legacy qualifications have received extended registration periods while the transition to the Occupational Qualifications system continues.

1 PURPOSE OF THE NOTICE

FP&M SETA wishes to inform its stakeholders of the publication of Government Gazette No. 54858, dated 17 June 2026, which provides for the extension of the registration periods of selected qualifications.

The extensions provide additional time for the affected qualifications to remain available within the applicable transitional arrangements while the transition to the Occupational Qualifications system continues.

FP&M SETA encourages all affected stakeholders to take note of the extensions and consider the implications for their current and planned learning programmes.

NOTICE	TRANSITION	ACTION
Selected qualifications affected	Occupational Qualifications system	Review current and planned programmes

2 FP&M SETA QUALIFICATIONS AFFECTED

The following qualifications within the FP&M SETA portfolio are affected by the extensions published in the Gazette:

QUALIFICATION ID	QUALIFICATION TITLE	EXTENSION
21485	National Certificate: Saw Doctoring	24 months (1 July 2026 – 30 June 2028)
48988	National Certificate: Forestry: Timber Harvesting	24 months (1 July 2026 – 30 June 2028)
49082	General Education and Training Certificate: Wood Products Processing	6 months (1 July 2026 – 31 December 2026)
49091	National Certificate: Furniture Making: Wood	6 months (1 July 2026 – 31 December 2026)
49092	Further Education and Training Certificate: Furniture Making	6 months (1 July 2026 – 31 December 2026)
49105	National Certificate: Furniture Making: Wood	6 months (1 July 2026 – 31 December 2026)
50225	General Education and Training Certificate: General Forestry	24 months (1 July 2026 – 30 June 2028)
50266	National Certificate: Forestry: Silviculture	24 months (1 July 2026 – 30 June 2028)
50584	General Education and Training Certificate: Clothing Manufacturing Processes	6 months (1 July 2026 – 31 December 2026)
58227	National Certificate: Clothing, Textiles, Footwear and Leather Manufacturing Processes	24 months (1 July 2026 – 30 June 2028)
65490	National Certificate: Arboriculture: Tree Preservation	24 months (1 July 2026 – 30 June 2028)
66269	General Education and Training Certificate: Lumber Milling	24 months (1 July 2026 – 30 June 2028)
66312	National Certificate: Lumber Milling	24 months (1 July 2026 – 30 June 2028)
66329	National Certificate: Lumber Milling	24 months (1 July 2026 – 30 June 2028)
66349	Further Education and Training Certificate: General Forestry	24 months (1 July 2026 – 30 June 2028)

3 WHAT THIS MEANS FOR STAKEHOLDERS

The extensions provide additional time, within the applicable transitional arrangements, for stakeholders working with the affected qualifications.

TRAINING PROVIDERS AND EMPLOYERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO:

- Review current and planned programmes in light of the applicable extension periods.
- Consider the impact of the extensions on learners currently enrolled or planned for enrolment.
- Ensure that implementation and learner completion plans take account of the applicable registration period.
- Continue to comply with all applicable accreditation, assessment, quality assurance and certification requirements.
- Monitor communication from FP&M SETA and the relevant quality assurance authorities regarding the transition from legacy qualifications to Occupational Qualifications.
- Consider the availability and implementation of relevant Occupational Qualifications in future planning.

4 IMPORTANT NOTE

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS REMAIN IN FORCE

The extension of the registration period of a qualification does not remove or change the applicable quality assurance, accreditation, assessment, certification or other regulatory requirements.

Stakeholders should continue to comply with all applicable requirements and should not interpret the extension as an automatic change to existing accreditation or implementation arrangements.

FP&M SETA will continue to engage with relevant stakeholders and authorities regarding the transition of legacy qualifications to Occupational Qualifications and will communicate further developments as they become available.

5 ACCESS TO THE GAZETTE

Stakeholders are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the full provisions of Government Gazette No. 54858, dated 17 June 2026, and the provisions applicable to the qualifications listed above.

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT GAZETTE	Open Government Gazette No. 54858
SUPPORTING DOCUMENT	**FP&M SETA supporting document link to be inserted**

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Supporting stakeholders through the transition to the Occupational Qualifications system.