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NAMB Circular 1 of 2025

To: SETA Artisan Managers
QCTO Accredited Trade Test Centres

Cc: Director QCTO Certification
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The National Artisan Moderation Body as established by the Skills Development Act (2008 as amended) herewith want to update stakeholders on the practice of Level Testing in future.

Level Testing

Level Testing has been practiced as an evaluation method for Curriculum Based Modular Training programmes. However, Level Testing is not equivalent to Trade Testing, as it is not mentioned in the Trade Test Regulations (2014) as a method to determine the competency of Artisans for Legacy Trades

As of 1 June 2025, all learners on CBMT Programmes, will have to attempt the national interim trade tests as issued by the NAMB – refer to NAMB Letter issued on 24/03/2022. No results will be accepted after this date for recommendation of Certification by the QCTO.

Should stakeholders want to continue with level testing, it is for formative assessments only.

Interim Trade Tests

For any Trade Test Centre that is still not utilizing the interim trade tests, trade testing will have to be repeated on the cost of the Trade Test Centre, i.e. the Electrical Trade Test has six (6) tasks not five (5) and specific sector based tests.

Interim Trade Tests can be requested from Mr. Gerrie van Staden on vanstaden.g@dhet.gov.za by supplying a valid QCTO accreditation letter.

Yours in artisan development.

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To: merSETA staff, Skills Development Provider and Employer Organisations
From: Learning Programmes & Quality Assurance
Subject: Memo – Implementation of Interim Trade Tests – CBMT Programmes

The National Artisan Moderation Body (NAMB) Circular 1 of 2025 directs that as of 1 June 2025 all learners on CBMT Programmes, will have to attempt the national interim trade tests as issued by NAMB – Refer to NAMB issued on 24 March 2022. No level test results will be accepted after this date (1 June 2025) for recommendation of certification by the QCTO.

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We hope the information provided above gives clarity on the implementation of Interim Trade Tests.

Kind Regards.

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