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Dear Mr. Mokgotsane,

IMPLEMENTATION AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS- PRE-2009 QUALIFICATIONS (UNDER THE SAQA ACT): OUTCOME ON SUBMITTED PRE-2009 QUALIFICATIONS FOR LEARNER ENROLMENT EXTENSION CONSIDERATION

The National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Act, 2008 (Act 67 of 2008), section 36, makes provision for transitional arrangements for pre-2009 qualifications and unit standards registered under the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) (Act 58 of 1995) that has since been repealed.

The implementation of transitional arrangements is guided by the following prescripts:

- a) Determination of the sub-frameworks that comprise the National Qualifications Framework was published by the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, in Government Gazette No. 44031 on 24 December 2020.
- b) Occupational Qualifications Sub-Framework Policy, 2021 (OQSF Policy, 2021) was published by the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, in Government Gazette No. 45401 on 29 October 2021.
- c) Directive on the implementation and transitional arrangements for pre-2009 qualifications (under SAQA Act 58 of 1995) was published by the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, in Government Gazette No. 50742 on 3 June 2024.
- d) Guidelines on the implementation and transitional arrangements for pre-2009 qualifications (under SAQA Act 58 of 1995) were published by the Minister of Higher Education Training,

in Government Gazette No. 51771 on 13 December 2024. The pre-2009 qualifications submissions received from SETAs for learner enrolment extension were considered and approved by QCTO and SAQA, in consultation with the Department of Higher Education and Training's Skills Branch as directed by the Guidelines on the implementation and transitional arrangements for pre-2009 qualifications (under SAQA Act 58 of 1995) as published by the Minister of Higher Education Training, in Government Gazette No. 51771 on 13 December 2024.

The details of five (5) pre-2009 qualifications as approved for learner enrolment extension submitted to the QCTO are as per the following table:

NO.	SAQA QUALIFICATION ID	QUALIFICATION TITLE	NQF LEVEL	CREDITS	LAST DATE FOR LEARNER ENROLMENTS EXTENDED TO:
1.	64190	National Certificate: Metal Production	3	120	2026-06-30
2.	67609	National Certificate: Mechatronics	3	141	2026-06-30
3.	67629	National Certificate: Mechatronics	2	142	2026-06-30
4.	67649	Further Education and Training Certificate: Mechatronics	4	157	2026-06-30
5.	48794	National Certificate in Quality Checking of Tyres and Tyre Components	3	134	2026-06-30

Please confirm in writing to the QCTO CEO via ceo.naidoo@qcto.org.za by ... *the due date will be communicated by QCTO once both CEOs have signed...*2025 that the above and any previous learner enrolment extensions have been communicated to all accredited Skills Development Providers. Note that these extensions periods must be used to transition to Occupational Qualifications.

SETAs are hereby reminded of the following provisions of the Ministerial Directive (GG 50742):

- 5.8 SETAs are accountable for finalising the development and replacement of occupational qualifications.
- 5.9 SETAs will submit development plans and commit resources to the implementation of this transition to occupational qualifications.
- 5.10 DHET will contract and monitor the development of these occupational qualifications in the SETA Service Level Agreements (SLAs);

In this regard, SETAs are required to complete and submit the Development Plan here: <https://forms.gle/bPVtyShvvt18mpqE9> for the above listed five (5) qualifications by ... *the due date will be communicated by QCTO once both CEOs have signed...*2025. It is also critical that all developments/re-alignments be prioritised and submitted as soon as possible but not later than 15 December 2025 to allow for public comment, processing by the QCTO, and registration with SAQA by 30 June 2026 to facilitate the required transition.

Yours faithfully


Mr. V Naidoo

CEO: QCTO

Date: 02/10/2025


Ms. N Starr

CEO: SAQA

Date: 28/11/2025