

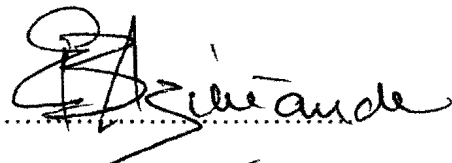
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING**MINISTERIAL TASK TEAM ON A NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE
RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)**

I, Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, MP, Minister of Higher Education and Training, in accordance with Treasury Regulation 20 [issued in terms of Public Financial Management Act, 1999 (Act No1 of 1999)] hereby establish the Task Team set out in the schedule here to develop a national strategy for the wide-scale implementation of RPL in the post-school education and training system.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Nzimande', written over a horizontal dotted line.**Dr BE Nzimande, MP****Minister of Higher Education and Training**

Date: 15/12/11

SCHEDULE

TASK TEAM ON A NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

1. In 2009 a joint study of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in South Africa by a team of specialists from the OECD and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) found that there were islands of excellent practice but a number of systemic barriers prevented access by many learners and workers to quality RPL. A national RPL research conference hosted by SAQA in February 2011 reviewed the evidence from a number of pilot RPL studies and called for the establishment of a Ministerial Task Team to propose solutions to these systemic problems. In June 2011 SAQA formally advised the Minister of Higher Education and Training to appoint such a task team. SAQA advised that the task team should work in a consultative manner and produce a report which would lead to the determination of a national RPL strategy. The Minister has accepted SAQA's advice.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

2. The Ministerial Task Team has the following terms of reference:
 - 1) Develop a national strategy for the wide-scale implementation of RPL in the post-school education and training system;
 - 2) Advise on the personnel, training and quality requirements of a national RPL strategy, including the feasibility, structure and function of a National RPL Institute;
 - 3) Advise on the legislative requirements for implementation of the national RPL strategy;
 - 4) Develop an action plan for the implementation of the national RPL strategy;
 - 5) Advise on the resource implications of the national RPL strategy;
 - 6) Devise a funding model to support the national RPL strategy that takes into account the interests of the skilled unemployed and out-of-school young people;
 - 7) Advise on the roles and responsibilities of all major relevant parties in the implementation of the national RPL strategy, including DHET and other state departments, education institutions both public and private, the National Skills Authority (NSA), Sector, Education and Training Authorities (SETAs), SAQA and the Quality Councils; and
 - 8) Advise on any other matter that would advance the systematic application of RPL in the post-school education and training system.

3. In undertaking its work the Task Team must investigate relevant international RPL good practice, consult or receive evidence from all relevant South African stakeholder bodies; and take full account of South African RPL research findings, including especially the proceedings and recommendations of SAQA's National RPL Conference in February 2011.

REPORTING BY THE TASK TEAM

4. The Task Team must provide:
 - 1) Interim reports to the Minister, which may take the form of verbal presentations, by 28 February and 30 April 2012
 - 2) A final report by 31 May 2012
- 4.1 The Task Team could consider establishing or recommending to the Minister the establishment of working groups to focus on relevant themes.

MEMBERSHIP

5. The Task Team will comprise:
 - 1) Ms Michelle Buchler (Chairperson)
 - 2) Mr Gino Govender
 - 3) Mr Eddie de Klerk
 - 4) Dr Maboreng Maharaswa
 - 5) Mr Max Makhubalo
 - 6) Mr Willy Mattiae
 - 7) Ms Lulama Nare
 - 8) Mr Joe Samuels
 - 9) Professor Shirley Walters

SECRETARIAT

6. Secretariat services to the Task Team will be provided by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET).

COMMENCEMENT DATE

7. The work of the Ministerial Task Team will commence from the date of this Notice.