
GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

No. 11

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GENERAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT, 2001 (ACT NO. 58 OF 2001)

CALL FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM STAKEHOLDER BODIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE DRAFT POLICY ON THE QUALITY ASSURANCE OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS AND THE ACCREDITATION AND MONITORING OF PRIVATE ASSESSMENT BODIES BY THE COUNCIL FOR GENERAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING QUALITY ASSURANCE ("UMALUSI")

1. I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, hereby in terms of *sections 23(1) and 17A(2)(a) of the General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Act, 2001 (Act No. 58 of 2001)*, hereby give my intention to approve policy and accordingly invite stakeholder bodies and members of the public to comment on the draft policy for quality assurance of independent schools and the accreditation and monitoring of private assessment bodies by the General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Council.

BACKGROUND

2. In terms of *sections 23(1) of the General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Act, 2001 (Act No. 58 of 2001)*, ("the GENFETQA Act") the Umalusi Council must develop policy and criteria for quality assurance of private education institutions.

3. Any institution that is required to register as -
- (a) an independent school in terms of the *South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act No. 84 of 1996)*;
 - (b) a private college for further education and training in terms of the *Further Education and Training Colleges Act, 2006 (Act No. 16 of 2006)*; or
 - (c) a private centre in terms of the *Adult Basic Education and Training Act, 2000 (Act No. 52 of 2000)* must in terms of *section 23(2) of the GENFETQA Act* comply with the policy and criteria contemplated in *section (23)(1)*.
4. The Umalusi Council must also in terms of *section 17A(2(a)) of the GENFETQA Act*, develop policy for the accreditation of assessment bodies other than departments of education and must submit it to the Minister for approval.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

- 5.1 The draft document, *Policy for Quality Assurance of Independent Schools and the Accreditation and Monitoring of Private Assessment Bodies*, is obtainable on the Umalusi website: www.umalusi.org.za
- 5.2 Hard copies of the draft policy document are also obtainable from the address supplied in paragraph 8 of this Notice.

SUBMISSIONS

6. It would greatly assist Umalusi if all submissions could be prepared under the headings listed in the draft policy document, *Policy for Quality Assurance of Independent Schools and the Accreditation and Monitoring of Private Assessment Bodies*. If you do not wish to comment under a particular heading, please indicate "No comment".

CLOSING DATE

7. The closing date for the receipt of comments is **Friday, 4 February 2011**.

ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSIONS

8. Please send or deliver your submission to:

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