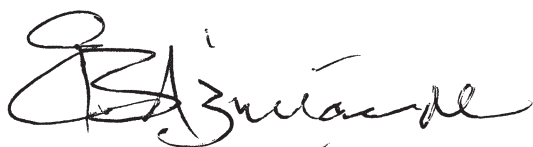

GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 890 OF 2013

NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK ACT, 2008 (NO. 67 OF 2008)

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON ARTICULATION POLICY

I, Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, MP, Minister of Higher Education and Training, in accordance with Treasury Regulation 20 issued in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999) hereby establish the committee set out in the schedule to develop a draft national policy on articulation in terms of s. 8(a) and (b) of the National Qualifications Framework Act, 2008.



DR BE Nzimande, MP

Minister of Higher Education and Training

Date: 16/08/13

SCHEDULE

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON ARTICULATION POLICY

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

1. In his policy document determining the sub-frameworks of the National Qualifications Framework (Government Notice No. 1940 of 14 December 2012), the Minister of Higher Education and Training stated:

“Articulation within and between the sub-frameworks is essential in order to advance the objectives of the NQF. The Act requires an integrated NQF. The sub-frameworks must work with and not against one another in order to enable learners to progress along their chosen learning pathways. Dead-ends, roadblocks and circuitous deviations are to be minimised if not eliminated. An NQF that obstructs learning progression is a contradiction in terms of the Act.”

“Although the sub-frameworks I have determined meet the demanding requirements set out in the Act, there is one important proviso. I am not yet satisfied that the optimum degree of integration has been achieved. At a meeting with the SAQA board on 19 April 2012 I requested SAQA in collaboration with the QCs to advise on articulation pathways for the NQF. This work includes the prioritisation of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT) policies, both of which are requirements of the Act (ss. 13(1)(h)(iii) and 27(h)(ii)). Substantial work has been done and in terms of s. 13(n)(iii) of the Act I hereby direct SAQA to provide me with a draft policy on the principles that should direct the articulation pathways in the NQF within six months of the publication of this notice.”

2. On 14 June 2013 SAQA provided its advice on articulation policy and a draft Action Plan. The Minister has appointed a Ministerial Committee to consider SAQA’s proposals and prepare a draft national policy on articulation with proposals for implementation.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

3. The Ministerial Committee has the following terms of reference:
 - 1) Consider SAQA’s advice and action plan; and
 - 2) Prepare and submit a draft national articulation policy which includes proposals for immediate implementation as well as proposals that may take longer to implement.

REPORTING

4. The Committee will deliver its first report to the Minister within 30 days. The committee will then advise whether it needs a longer period to complete its work. The total period required by the committee will not exceed 120 days.

MEMBERSHIP

5. The Committee will comprise:
- 1) Professor Ahmed Cassim Bawa (Chairperson)
 - 2) Dr Mark Abrahams;
 - 3) Mr Uthando Baduza;
 - 4) Ms Maryna Marais;
 - 5) Dr Thabang Matobako;
 - 6) Mr Archie Mokonane;
 - 7) Ms Makano Morojele;
 - 8) Mr Seamus Needham;
 - 9) Professor Heather Nel;
 - 10) Mr Dan Nkosi;
 - 11) Ms Hellen Ntlatleng;
 - 12) Ms Rooksana Rajab; and
 - 13) Ms Danita Welgemoed ,

SECRETARIAT

6. Secretariat services to the committee will be provided by the Department of Higher Education and Training.

COMMENCEMENT DATE

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