
GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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

APPOINTMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY (SAQA) BOARD

The National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Act (Act No. 67 of 2008) came into effect on 1 May 2009.

The NQF Act provides that the South African Qualifications Authority continues as a juristic person to oversee the implementation of the NQF. SAQA is accountable to the Minister of Higher Education and Training. SAQA's functions are set out in detail at section 13 of the NQF Act.

The South African Qualifications Authority is supported by its own professional secretariat, headed by the Chief Executive Officer, and controls its own operating budget.

SAQA is governed by a board. The current SAQA board was appointed in terms of the South African Qualifications Framework Act, 1995 (No. 58 of 1995). Its term of office was extended to 31 December 2010.

The Minister of Higher Education and Training must appoint 12 board members in their personal capacities to a new board in terms of section 14 of the NQF Act. At least two of the 12 members must be appointed from nominations made by organised labour. The chief executive officer of SAQA and the chief executive officers of the Quality Council for Higher Education (the Council on Higher Education), the Quality Council for General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi) and the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations respectively are also members of the SAQA board by virtue of their offices.

Section 14 of the NQF Act provides that the members of the SAQA board, taken as a whole, must:

- Be broadly representative of the education and training sectors and related interests;
- Have thorough knowledge and understanding of education and training;
- Appreciate the role of education and training in the reconstruction and transformation of the South African economy and society;
- Have known and attested commitment to the interests of education and training;
- Have knowledge and understanding of qualifications matters and quality assurance in education and training; and
- Be competent to undertake the governance and oversee the financial affairs of the SAQA.

The Minister must give due attention to the representivity of the board in terms of such factors as race, gender and disability. The Minister must appoint a chairperson from among the twelve appointed members.

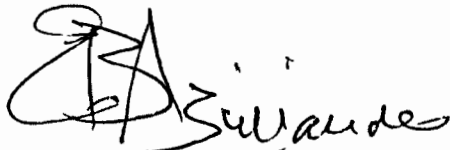
The members of the SAQA board are expected to ensure that SAQA's functions are performed according to the highest professional standards.

Sixty-seven nominations were received in response to my public calls for nominations. I express my gratitude to all who took the trouble to nominate candidates or to make themselves available for appointment.

After careful consideration, taking into account the requirements of the NQF Act, I have appointed the members whose names appear in the schedule.

The new board will assume its duties on 1 January 2011 and will serve until 31 December 2015.

I express my deep appreciation to the new Chairperson, Mr M J N Njeke and the other new members for their willingness to undertake the stewardship of this vital national institution, and also to Professor Shirley Walters (Chairperson) and the members of the Fourth Authority for their outstanding services and leadership during a difficult period of transition.



DR B E NZIMANDE, MP
MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DATE: 15/12/10

SCHEDULE

Members of the board of the South African Qualifications Authority, to serve from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2015:

Mr Mfundiso Johnson Ntabankulu Njeke, Chairperson
Mr David Adler
Dr Clifford Freddie Barnes
Ms Chuene Thama Duba
Ms S Mosidi Maboye
Adv Kevin Sifiso Malunga
Mr Archie Mokonane
Ms Nirmala Devi Moodley
Mrs Catherine Susanna Müller
Dr Vuyelwa Toni Penxa
Professor Talvin Gregory Schultz
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