
GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

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

APPROVAL TO CALL FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM STAKEHOLDER BODIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE DRAFT AMENDED REGULATIONS FOR THE ISSUING OF CERTIFICATES BY THE COUNCIL FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IN GENERAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING: AMENDMENT

1. I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, in terms of *section 27* of the *General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Act, 2001 (Act No. 58 of 2001)*, and after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, hereby amend the regulations as set out in the **Schedule** as published in Government Gazette No. 25794, of 2 December 2003.

SUBMISSIONS

3. It would greatly assist the Department of Basic Education if all submissions could be prepared under the headings listed in the Regulations. If you do not wish to comment under a particular heading, please indicate "No comment".


CLOSING DATE

4. The closing date for the receipt of comments is set as 21 days after publication of this Notice.

ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSIONS

5. Please send your submission to:

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MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION
DATE: 02.03.2015

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GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE

[.....] Words in bold in square brackets indicate omissions from the existing regulations.

_____ Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions into the existing regulations.

SCHEDULE

DEFINITIONS

1. In these Regulations, any word or expression to which meaning has been assigned in the Act, shall have the meaning so assigned to it, unless the content indicates otherwise-

Amendment of Regulation 1 of the Regulations

2. Regulation 1 is hereby amended by-

(a) the insertion of the following definitions before the definition of the "council"-

"assessment body" means a department of education or a juristic body accredited by the Council as a body responsible for conducting internal assessment and external examinations;"

"candidate" means any person that is registered for an external examination in a qualification quality assured by Umalusi;"

"certification" means the formal recognition of a completed qualification, part qualification or unit of learning achieved by a candidate contemplated in section 17(A)(6) of the Act".

(b) the deletion of the definition of a "core";

(c) the deletion of the definition of an "elective";

(d) the insertion of the following definitions before the definition of "the Act"-

"General and Further Education and Training Qualifications Sub-Framework" Means the sub-framework of qualifications for general and further education and training developed and managed by Umalusi Quality Council as envisioned in Chapter 2 of the NQF Act, 2008 (Act No 67 of 2008)".

"National Qualifications Framework (NQF)" means the National Qualifications

Framework contemplated Chapter 2 of the NQF Act, 2008 (Act No 67 of 2008)".

- (e) the deletion of the definition of "occupational".

Amendment of Regulation 2 of the Regulations

3. Regulation 2 is hereby amended by the substitution thereof by the following sub-regulation-

"2(1) The Council is responsible for the issuing of the following certificates as registered on the General and Further Education and Training Qualifications Sub-Framework:

- (a) Senior Certificate;
- (b) National Senior Certificate (Technical);
- (c) National Certificate N3;
- (d) General Education and Training Certificate; Adult Basic Education and Training (NQF Level 1);
- (e) [Further Education and Training Certificate] National Senior Certificate for Adults;
- (f) Subject certificate;
- (g) Learning area certificate;
- [(h) [Unit certificate;]
- [(i) Replacement Certificate General Education and Training Certificate for Adults]
- (j) National Senior Certificate;
- (k) Subject statement; [or Replacement subject statement]".

Deletion of Sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 2 of the Regulations

Deletion of Regulation 3 of the Regulations

Deletion of Regulation 4 of the Regulations

Amendment of Regulation 10 of the Regulations

4. Regulation 10 is hereby amended by the deletion sub-regulation (10)(k).

Amendment of Regulation 11 of the Regulations

5. Regulation 11 is hereby amended by the substitution thereof with the following regulation-

"(1) The awarding of each of the certificates listed in Regulation 2, will be based on a [learner] candidates satisfying the requirements of both internal and external assessment as required.

(2) The Senior Certificate is issued [at the end of Level 4 of the National Qualifications Framework], to [learners] candidates who have satisfied the requirements of the qualification, as contained in paragraph 6 of the National Education Policy, Report 550, namely offered six instructional offerings and passed in two languages from Group A, one at First Language Level, and the other one on at least Second Language Level, three instructional offerings from Groups B to F and an aggregate of 720 marks.

(3) The National Certificate N3 is issued to [learners] candidates who have satisfied the programme requirements, which comprises three or four instructional offerings as contained in the National Education Policy, Reports 190 and 191.

(4) The National Senior Certificate (Technical) is issued [at the end of Level 4 of the National Qualifications Framework], to [learners] candidates who have offered two languages, one on First Language Level and one on at least Second Language Level as well as four additional offerings as prescribed in the programme as contained in the National Education Policy, Reports 190 and 191. The [learner] candidate must satisfy the programme requirements, which comprises three instructional offerings as well as two languages as stated above.

(5) The General Education and Training Certificate: Adult Basic Education and Training (NQF Level 1) is issued to [learners] candidates that have satisfied the requirements for the qualification by meeting the minimum of 120 credits [at the end of Level I of the National Qualifications Framework, as contained in Appendix A].

(6) A subject certificate, learning area certificate or [unit standard Certificate] subject statement will be issued to a candidate who does not comply with the requirements for a qualification as registered on the National Qualifications Framework, but who satisfies the requirements for one or more subjects or learning areas [or unit standards].

(7) The National Senior Certificate is issued [as registered at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework] to candidates who have satisfied the requirements of the qualification, as contained in the National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12, namely offering seven subjects and achieved 40% in three subjects one of which is an official language at Home Language level; achieving 30% in three subjects; and having completed and submitted the School-Based Assessment component in the subject failed.

(8) The National Certificate (Vocational) is issued at Levels 2, 3 and 4 on the National Qualifications Framework to candidates who have satisfied the requirements of the qualification as contained in the Policy for the National Certificates (Vocational): Qualifications at NQF levels 2 to 4, namely offering seven subjects and achieving the programme and promotions requirements as stipulated in the policy document.

(9) The National Senior Certificate for Adults is issued to adult candidates who have satisfied the requirements of the qualification, i.e. passed four subjects, as contained in the policy, National Senior Certificate for Adults: A Qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

(10) The General Education and Training Certificate for Adults is issued to adult candidates who have satisfied the requirements as contained in the policy, General Education and Training Certificate for Adults.”

Amendment of Regulation 12 of the Regulations

6. Regulation 12 is hereby amended by the substitution thereof with the following regulation-

“The Council must transfer data to the National Learner Record Database as stipulated in Section 27 (j)(ii) of the NQF Act, 2008 (Act No 67 of 2008)”.

Amendment of Regulation 13 of the Regulations

7. Regulation 13 is hereby amended by the substitution thereof with the following regulation-

All [providers] assessment bodies must keep records of all learners' results, which lead to a qualification”.

Amendment of Regulation 14 of the Regulations

8. Regulation 14 is hereby amended by the substitution thereof with the following regulation-

"An assessment body must submit the final assessment records per [learner] candidate in accordance with the directives issued by the Council within a period of three months after the examination cycle has been completed, but not later than six months after the release of the results".

Amendment of Regulation 15 of the Regulations

9. Regulation 15 is hereby amended by the substitution thereof with the following regulation-

"(1) The format of certificates referred to in Regulation 2 will be [as contemplated in Appendices B to K appended hereto] decided on by the Council, reflecting the Coat of Arms of the Government of South Africa and Umalusi's logo.

(2) All certificates will be issued in English. However if requested by a candidate [a second official language of the candidate's choice may be added.] a transcript of a certificate can be issued in another official language".

Amendment of Regulation 16 of the Regulations

9. Regulation 16 is hereby amended by the substitution thereof with the following regulation-

"These Regulations [are called] may be cited as the Amended Regulations for the Issuing of Certificates by Umalusi [the] Council, 2014".
