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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997)

CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT POLICY ON MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION PROGRAMMES REQUIRING THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE FOR ADULTS (NASCA)

I, Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education and Training, hereby intend to make Policy on Minimum Admission Requirements for Entry into Higher Education Institution Programmes Requiring The National Senior Certificate For Adults (NASCA) in terms of section 3 of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997).

The policy aims to provide guidance on the statutory minimum admission requirements for entry into higher education institutions in terms of the NASCA qualification as developed by the Quality Council, Umalusi as mandated by the *National Qualifications Framework Act, 2008 (Act No. 67 of 2008)* and registered on the General and Further Education and Training Qualifications Sub-Framework of the NQF by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).

This policy is meant to create an opportunity for adult learners to access higher education institutions. While this policy attempts to outline statutory minimum admission requirements into higher education through the National Senior Certificate for Adults, it is cognisant of the fact that the setting of such minimum admission requirements is in terms of section 37 of the Higher Education Act (Act No. 101 of 1997).

All persons and organisations are invited to comment on the draft policy in writing, and direct their comments to- The Director-General, Private Bag X174, Pretoria, 0001 for Attention: Mr D Diale, email diale.d@dhet.gov.za, Fax: 086 298 9707.

Kindly provide the name, address, telephone number, fax number and email address of the person or organisation submitting the comments.

Copies of the policy may be downloaded from the website of the Department at <u>www.dhet.gov.za</u>. Hard copies will also be made available for collection in Room 661, Department of Higher Education and Training, 123 Francis Baard Street, Pretoria.

The comments should reach the Department within 30 days after publication of this Notice.

Dr BE Nzimande, MP Minister of Higher Education and Training

Date: 4/03/2016