

SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY

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**CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REPORT ON THE ALIGNMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (SANQF) TO THE SADC QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (SADCQF)**

1. I, Joe Samuels, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), on behalf of the South African National Alignment Committee (NAC), hereby give notice that the following report will be published for public comment on SAQA's website (www.saqqa.org.za):

Draft Report on the Alignment of the South African National Qualifications Framework (SANQF) to the SADC Qualifications Framework (SADCQF).

BACKGROUND TO ALIGNMENT WITH THE SADCQF

2. In 2011 the SADC Ministers responsible for education and training approved the Southern African Development Community Qualifications Framework (SADCQF). The SADCQF is a comprehensive Regional Qualifications Framework (RQF) for schooling, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and higher education. Its purpose is to enable easier movement of learners and workers across the SADC region and internationally. It is a 10-level RQF underpinned by learning outcomes and quality assurance (QA) principles that will provide a regional benchmark for qualifications and QA mechanisms in SADC.

THE DRAFT REPORT ON THE ALIGNMENT OF THE SANQF TO THE SADCQF

3. The draft report is the official statement from the South African NAC that the SANQF is aligned to the SADCQF.
4. The report provides the analysis, documentation and conclusions of the NAC and is the official South African response to the recommendation from the SADC TCCA that the SANQF and its QA mechanisms be aligned to the SADCQF.
5. The report also asserts that the SANQF is a key tool for promoting trust in SA qualifications through the demonstrated comparability, transparency and QA of its qualifications. At a national level, the information in the alignment report will also support the further implementation of the NQF.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REPORT

6. The draft report is available on the SAQA website: www.saqqa.co.za.
7. Relevant stakeholders are invited to engage with the draft report and submit comments up to 16 July 2018.
8. Comments should be sent to the SAQA Director: International Liaison: Ms Coleen Jaftha cjaftha@saqa.co.za

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