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**CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL POLICY AND CRITERIA FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING**

1. I, Joe Samuels, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), in terms of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Act, Act 67 of 2008, give notice that the following draft amended policy is published for public comment:

Amendments to the *National Policy and Criteria for the implementation of recognition of prior learning*

CONTEXT OF THE AMENDMENTS

2. SAQA gazetted its *National Policy for the implementation of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)* in 2014 and has been, and continues to be, engaged with extensive RPL-related initiatives dating as far back as 2002. To address some of the challenges with RPL implementation the Minister of Higher Education and Training published, in 2016, a national *RPL Coordination Policy*.
3. As an essential next step, SAQA needed to align its *National Policy for the Implementation of RPL* with the *RPL Coordination Policy*. This alignment resulted in the amended version.
4. The purpose of the Amendments to the *National Policy and Criteria for the implementation of recognition of prior learning* is to align with the Ministerial *RPL Coordination Policy*.

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5. The draft amended policy is available on the SAQA website: www.saqaco.za under Documents.
6. Relevant stakeholders are invited to engage with the draft amended policy and submit comments up to 26 November 2018.
7. Comments should be sent to the SAQA Director: International Liaison, Ms Coleen Jaftha at cjaftha@saqa.co.za.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Samuels', is written over a horizontal line.

MR JOE SAMUELS
CEO, SAQA