

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

NO. 1092

23 AUGUST 2019

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (ACT No.101 OF 1997)

NOTICE TO CANCEL THE REGISTRATION OF SONETT INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY (PTY) LTD AS A PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION

I, Gwebinkundla Felix Qonde, Director-General of the Department of Higher Education and Training, hereby, in terms of section 63(a) of the *Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997, as amended)* ("the Act") and Regulation 17(3) of the *Regulations for the Registration of Private Higher Education Institutions, 2016* ("the Regulations"), give notice to cancel the registration of *Sonett International Academy (Pty) Ltd* as a private higher education institution for failure to submit the following 2017 annual reporting information:

- a) Proof that the auditor who prepared the *Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)* report is registered with a professional body which is recognized by the *South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA)*;
- b) Financial surety or guarantee;
- c) A sample copy of the student transcript which indicates the student number and the courses taken by code number and name, for each year, in chronological order;
- d) Proof of compliance to the requirements of the *National Learners' Records Database (NLRD)* for the period 15 July 2017 to 15 December 2017;
- e) A list of the Directors of the company as lodged with and approved by the *Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC)* ;
- f) An auditor's report on student data;
- g) Proof that *Sonett International Academy (Pty) Ltd* has removed the logo of the Department and that of the *Council on Higher Education (CHE)* on its prospectus and other marketing material; and
- h) A report issued by an auditor registered with the IRBA on how the institution has discharged its responsibilities with respect to:
 - i) *Physical and electronic storage of data with respect to all enrolled students;*
 - ii) *Accessibility of data (process); and*
 - iii) *Security on data storage and retrieval.*

The cancellation of the registration of *Sonett International Academy (Pty) Ltd* will take immediate effect. As of the date of this notice, *Sonett International Academy (Pty) Ltd* must not enrol new students for the higher education programmes. *Sonett International Academy (Pty) Ltd* must serve a phasing-out period as from the date of this notice until 31 December 2020, during which period the institution must also fulfil its obligations in terms of Regulation 17A(1) which states the following:

An institution that has been notified by the registrar that its provisional registration has lapsed in terms of section 54(6)(b) of the Act or that its provisional registration or registration has been cancelled in terms of Regulation 17 must -

- a) inform its students within 14 days from the date of the registrar's notice that its registration has lapsed or been cancelled and notify the students of the arrangements that will be made to safeguard their interests in terms of this regulation;*
- b) issue to each enrolled student a copy of his or her academic transcript as contemplated in regulation 25;*
- c) reimburse or compensate any enrolled student who has a lawful claim on the institution as a consequence of its ceasing to operate from funds established as contemplated in Regulation 12(2);*
- d) make adequate arrangements for affected students to complete their programmes at a comparable public or private institution;*
- e) cease to operate before or at a date specified by the registrar; and*
- f) ensure that no new students are enrolled after the date specified by the registrar.*



Mr GF Qonde

Director-General: Higher Education and Training

Date: 25/07/2019