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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT

Policy and Criteria for Recognising a Professional Body and Registering a Professional Designation for the Purposes of the National Qualifications Framework Act, Act 67 of 2008 (as amended, September 2020)

1. I, Dr Julie Reddy, Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), in terms of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Act, Act 67 of 2008, and as per the decision (SAQA16130/20) of the SAQA Board at its meeting on 29 October 2020, publish the following amendments to the:
Policy and Criteria for Recognising a Professional Body and Registering a Professional Designation for the Purposes of the National Qualifications Framework Act, Act 67 of 2008 (as amended, September 2020).
2. Amendments
 - a. The Policy is amended to address application fees; transformation; governance issues and submission of data to the NLRD as part of the de-recognition process.
 - b. Clause 15a is amended as follows:
In administering the *P&C for professional bodies* SAQA will:
 - charge professional bodies a cost recovery fee for all services rendered, including an application fee for new applications for recognition, and in instances where SAQA is forced to incur unnecessary and wasteful expenditure because of delays and lack of compliance by the professional body concerned.
 - c. Clauses 28c and Clause 28d are amended as follows:
A body applying to be recognised as a professional body by SAQA will:
 - have a transformation policy that guides the constitution of the Board, staff and membership. Furthermore, the professional body must indicate activities that ensure representation of the demographics of the country and support transformation, and if there is no transformation, an explanation must be provided;
 - have the necessary human resources capacity to undertake its function, which is separate from the Board, except for executive members. Professional bodies may share capacities between themselves with regards to the day to day management of the affairs of the professional bodies.
 - d. The following Clause is inserted after Clause 42.
 - As part of the process of de-recognising a professional body, SAQA should receive all the necessary data in a manner prescribed by the NLRD.
3. *The Policy and Criteria for Recognising a Professional Body and Registering a Professional Designation for the Purposes of the National Qualifications Framework Act, Act 67 of 2008 (as amended, September 2020)* is:
 - a. applicable to all recognised professional bodies;
 - b. effective immediately.
 - c. available on the SAQA website: www.saqa.co.za.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Reddy', is positioned above the printed name of the Acting Chief Executive Officer.

DR JULIE REDDY
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SAQA