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**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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**HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (ACT NO. 101 OF 1997)****DRAFT POLICY FOR THE RECOGNITION OF SOUTH AFRICAN HIGHER  
EDUCATION INSTITUTIONAL TYPES DETERMINED IN TERMS OF SECTION 3  
OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT (ACT 101 OF 1997, AS AMENDED)**

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I, Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, hereby publish the draft *Policy for the Recognition of South African Higher Education Institutional Types*, determined in terms of section 3(1) of the Higher Education Act, (Act 101 of 1997, as amended), for public comment.

The purpose of the policy is to give effect to the institutional types provided for by the Higher Education Act. The policy provides criteria for the recognition of Higher Education Colleges; University Colleges and Universities in terms of Section 3(1)(c) of the Act. It sets the scope and range of operations for the institutional types; and provides a higher education structure that is 'well-suited to accommodate the varying backgrounds, needs, interests and abilities of the students of the future, to enable them to realise their potential, and contribute the necessary range and quality of knowledge, insight, skill and capability to the development and reconstruction of our country' In line with the aspirations of the White Papers on Higher Education and Post School Education and Training.

The draft policy is available on the website of the Department of Higher Education and Training, [www.dhet.gov.za](http://www.dhet.gov.za). All interested persons and organisations are invited to comment in writing and submit to:

The Director-General; Department of Higher Education and Training; Private Bag X174; PRETORIA; 0001 for the attention of Mr Mahlubi Mabizela or direct email submissions to [mabizela.c@dhet.gov.za](mailto:mabizela.c@dhet.gov.za).

Submissions or comments must reach the Department within 30 days after the date of publication of this Notice.

Submissions must have the name, address, telephone and email address of the person or organisation submitting the comment.



**Dr BE Nzimande, MP**

**Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation**

**Date: 22/07/2022**