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To: COMMUNITY OF EXPERT PRACTITIONERS (CEP) /Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATION

CC: Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) QUALITY PARTNERS (QPs)

ROUTE TO OBTAINING AN OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATION FOR CEP / SMEs INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATION

The QCTO is a Quality Council established in 2010 in terms of the Skills Development Act No. 97 of 1998. The QCTO is responsible for:

- a. the development and management of the Occupational Qualifications Sub Framework (OQSF) and for advising the Minister on matters relating to the OQSF in consultation with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA);
- b. the quality assurance in occupational education and training; and for the development of standards, occupational qualifications and part qualifications; and
- c. to ensure that Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Credit Accumulation Transfer (CAT) and Assessment (Section 27(h)(ii)), as well as the level descriptors (Section 27 (g)), are part of its sub-framework.

All persons, including CEPs/SMEs who are part of the qualification development process, are not automatically awarded the qualification they assisted in developing. However, those who wish to obtain an Occupational Qualification must follow one of the following routes:

1. Complete all curriculum modules at an accredited Skills Development Provider (SDP) and be issued a Statement of Results ***OR***
2. Undergo RPL and gain a Valid Statement of Results (SoR) in order to gain access to the External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA)

Assessment is an integral feature of all forms of RPL and does not exist in isolation from a range of other strategies that allow for different sources of knowledge and forms of learning to be compared and judged. Where credits are awarded, it must be based on the assessed evidence of the knowledge and skills acquired informally and non-formally.

A valid Statement of Results is a requirement to sit for the External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA) which is a compulsory certification standard as per the QCTO's Certification Policy.



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In summary, only persons who are issued with a valid Statement of Results, through formal training or RPL and have successfully completed an EISA will be issued with a certificate and therefore CEPs/ SMEs who wish to obtain any occupational qualification are encouraged to undergo RPL in order to gain entrance into the EISA and be certified.

Regards

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