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ATTENTION:

SETA CEOs and Stakeholders,
Skills Development Providers,
Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) including Skills Branch, CET Branch and TVET Branch,
South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA),
OQSF Stakeholders,

Dear Stakeholder

RE: EXTENSION OF LIFE SPAN FOR LISTED SKILLS PROGRAMMES THAT PREVIOUSLY HAD AN END DATE 2024, 2025 AND 2026

1. The Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) has extended the life span of seventy-five (75) Skills Programmes that had an end date of 2024, 2025 and 2026.
2. This extension constitutes a special dispensation for three (3) years as part of managing the implementation of transitional arrangements within the Occupational Qualifications Sub-Framework (OQSF).
3. Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs) where the Standard Industrial Classifications (SIC) Codes for the affected Skills programmes reside, as per the relevant Government Gazette on the re-establishment of SETAs from 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2030, are required to prioritise the review of these Skills Programmes to ensure timeous replacement.
4. Attached as Annexure A is a list of the seventy-five (75) Skills Programmes whose lifespan has been extended under this special dispensation.

The QCTO appreciates your continued commitment to occupational skills development and training.

Sincerely,


pp **Mr. Vijayen Naidoo**
Chief Executive Officer
Date: 3 June 2026

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ANNEXURE A:

No.	Skills Programme ID No.	Assigned Quality Partner	Skills Programme Descriptor	NQF Level	Credits	Start Date	End Date	Last Date for Enrolment	Last Date for Achievement
1	SP-191221	FP&M SETA	Basic Furniture Upholsterer	2	28	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
2	SP-191202	CETA	General Residential Repairer	3	31	2025/05/01	2028/05/01	2029/05/01	2032/05/01
3	SP-210601	HWSETA	Auxiliary Community Development Facilitator	5	70	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
4	SP-210603	MICT SETA	Advanced Spatial Intelligence Data Scientist	5	40	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
5	SP-210604	MICT SETA	Spatial Intelligence Data Scientist	5	56	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
6	SP-201201	SERVICES SETA	Workplace Preparation	2	30	2025/12/11	2028/12/11	2029/12/11	2032/12/11
7	SP-210501	CETA	Assistant Handyperson	3	82	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
8	SP-210409	SERVICES SETA	Conflict Management	5	8	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
9	SP-191201	CETA	Domestic Water and Drainage Pipe Repairer	3	49	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
10	SP-191204	MERSETA	Bicycle Repairer	2	20	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
11	SP-191205	SERVICES SETA	General Garden Maintenance Worker	1	26	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
12	SP-191206	CATHSSETA	Assistant Baker (Fermented Dough Products)	2	36	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
13	SP-191207	MERSETA	Workshop Tool Assistant	2	24	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
14	SP-191208	CHIETA	Shielded Metal Arc Welder	2	40	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
15	SP-191209	MERSETA	Wheel Balancer	2	36	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
16	SP-191210	EWSETA	Basic Kitchen Appliance Repairer	2	27	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
17	SP-191211	MICT SETA	Cellphone Repairer	2	25	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
18	SP-191212	CATHSSETA	Cook Assistant	2	28	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
19	SP-191213	CATHSSETA	Eco Ranger	4	60	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
20	SP-191214	FP&M SETA	Seamstress	3	36	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
21	SP-191216	AGRISSETA	Pest Control Assistant	1	20	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
22	SP-191217	CETA	Bricklayer's Assistant	1	45	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
23	SP-191218	LGSETA	Recycler	1	15	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
24	SP-191220	AGRISSETA	Animal Health	3	60	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
25	SP-191222	MICT SETA	Computer and Digital Support Assistant	4	34	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
26	SP-191223	MERSETA	Vehicle Flatter	2	16	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13

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27	SP-191224	CETA	Tiling	1	33	2024/11/13	2027/11/13	2028/11/13	2031/11/13
28	SP-210402	CHIETA	Coded Welding	4	96	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
29	SP-210403	CETA	Plumbing Hand	3	49	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
30	SP-210404	FP&M SETA	Handicraft Sewer	1	57	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
31	SP-210405	FP&M SETA	Handicraft Footwear Maker	1	47	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
32	SP-210406	FP&M SETA	Handicraft Frame Weaver	1	47	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
33	SP-210407	FP&M SETA	Handicraft Knitter	1	47	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
34	SP-210408	MERSETA	Refrigerant Safe Handling	2	20	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
35	SP-200901	HWSETA	Work Place Preparedness and Risk Control Assistant-Communicable & Other occupational Diseases	3	3	2025/09/17	2028/09/17	2029/09/17	2032/09/17
36	SP-200902	HWSETA	Work Place Preparedness and Risk Control Officer-Communicable & Other occupational Diseases	4	5	2025/09/17	2028/09/17	2029/09/17	2032/09/17
37	SP-211001	ETDPSETA	Assistant Life Coach: Communication, Integrity and Confidence Coaching	5	30	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
38	SP-211002	HWSETA	Occupational Screening Spirometry	5	8	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
39	SP-211003	HWSETA	Community Counsellor	5	25	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
40	SP-211004	CETA	Hot- and Cold-Water Systems Installer	4	93	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
41	SP-211005	ETDPSETA	Moral Regeneration Education and Awareness Facilitator	5	30	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
42	SP-211006	HWSETA	Community Development Facilitator (Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness)	5	25	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
43	SP-211007	ETDPSETA	Learning Support Facilitator	5	20	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
44	SP-211009	SERVICES SETA	Workplace Essential Skills	4	20	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
45	SP-211010	TETA	Cantilever Container Crane C50 Operator	3	40	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
46	SP-211011	TETA	Crawler Hydraulic Crane Uncoded Operator	3	56	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
47	SP-211012	TETA	Floating Crane C57 Operator	3	40	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
48	SP-211013	TETA	Hydraulic Crane Pick Up and Carry C34 Operator	3	42	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
49	SP-211014	TETA	Hydraulic Crane Pick Up and Carry C36 Operator	3	56	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09

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50	SP-211015	TETA	Hydraulic Mobile Crane C33 Operator	3	42	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
51	SP-211016	TETA	Hydraulic Mobile Crane C35 Operator	3	56	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
52	SP-211017	TETA	Hydraulic Mobile Crane C43 Operator	3	42	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
53	SP-211018	TETA	Lattice Boom Mobile Crawler Crane C38 Operator	3	42	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
54	SP-211019	TETA	Lattice Boom Mobile Crawler Crane C40 Operator	3	56	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
55	SP-211020	TETA	Lattice Boom Mobile Truck Crane C37 Operator	3	42	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
56	SP-211021	TETA	Lattice Boom Mobile Truck Crane C39 Operator	3	56	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
57	SP-211022	TETA	Overhead Crane Cab Controlled C31 Operator	3	40	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
58	SP-211023	TETA	Overhead Crane Pendant Radio Controlled C30 Operator	3	40	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
59	SP-211024	TETA	Pillar Mounted Jip Crane C54 Operator	3	29	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
60	SP-211025	TETA	Rail Mounted Gantry Crane C52 Operator	3	40	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
61	SP-211026	TETA	Reach Stacker C48 Operator	3	42	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
62	SP-211027	TETA	Rubber Tyred Gantry Crane C55 Operator	3	40	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
63	SP-211028	TETA	Scotch Derrick Crane C51 Operator	3	40	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
64	SP-211029	TETA	Ships Crane C45 Operator	3	40	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
65	SP-211030	TETA	Side Boom Crane C60 Operator	3	42	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
66	SP-211031	TETA	Side Loader Container C56 Operator	3	42	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
67	SP-211032	TETA	Straddle Carrier C49 Operator	3	40	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
68	SP-211033	TETA	Sugar Cane Crane C44 Operator	3	42	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
69	SP-211034	TETA	Telescopic Boom Handler C46 Operator	3	42	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
70	SP-211035	TETA	Tower Crane Bottom Slewing C42 Operator	3	40	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
71	SP-211036	TETA	Tower Crane-Top Slewing C41 Operator	3	40	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
72	SP-211037	TETA	Truck Mounted Crane C32 Operator	3	42	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
73	SP-211038	TETA	Wall Mounted Jib Crane C58 Operator	3	29	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
74	SP-211039	TETA	Wharf Side Crane (Rail mounted) C47 Operator	3	40	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09
75	SP-211040	TETA	Wharf Side Jib Crane (Rubber tyred) C59 Operator	3	40	2026/03/09	2029/03/09	2030/03/09	2033/03/09