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COMMUNIQUE TO CATHSSETA STAKEHOLDERS- EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Valued Stakeholders

It is important for all accredited Skills Development Providers to note the following:

1. Extension of Deadline for implementation of Transitional Arrangements for SETA Legacy Qualifications

1.1 All Stakeholders are advised that the Honourable Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Professor Blade Nzimande, has extended the implementation deadline of transitional arrangements for all SETA legacy qualifications or PRE-2009 qualifications (Under the SAQA Act, 1995). In terms of **Government Gazette No. 50742 issued by the Department of Higher Education and Training**, a new directive on the **Implementation and Transitional Arrangements for PRE-2009 Qualifications (under SAQA Act, 1995 (Act 58 of 1995))** has been published.

1.2 This directive replaces the published implementation and transitional arrangements for all PRE-2009 qualifications (Under the SAQA ACT, 1995). This Directive takes effect on **1 June 2024**.

2. Implementation and transitional arrangement for PRE-2009 qualifications

The directives will be implemented related to implementation and transitional arrangements for PRE-2009 qualifications.

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Extension the last date of enrolment for 374 PRE-2009 qualifications for a minimum of 1 year and a maximum of 2 years for qualifications that are in the process of realignment, development, evaluation and recommended to SAQA for registration.

- 2.1 Reasons to extend learner enrolment are as confirmed by Setas in consultation with Industry, these qualifications in the QCTO realignment, evaluation and SAQA registration process.
- 2.2 Registration of first-time learners for existing legacy qualifications is extended by **one (1) year (12 Months) or to maximum of two (2) years**. The deadline to exit all learners participating in legacy qualifications remains unchanged as **31 June 2027**.
- 2.3 The QCTO list of PRE-2009 Qualifications [click here](#).
- 2.4 Any qualifications not reflected in the table above, will be managed between the CATHSSETA and the QCTO.
- 2.5 Currently registered Occupational Qualifications that have NOT yet been reviewed and whose expiry date is 30 June 2024 will be extended.

3. Accreditation of Skills Development Providers with QCTO

- 3.1 Accredited Skills Development Providers to note that the accreditation period for PRE 2009 qualifications are also extended to the above timeframes.
- 3.2 Accreditation of Skills Development Providers (SDPs) by CATHSSETA is extended up to **30 June 2027** to allow for 2.1(a) and exiting of learners. This applies only to SDPs with learner enrolments. Individual letters of extension will be issued to SDP.
- 3.3 Constituent registration of active Assessors and Moderators that are linked to SDP's delivering legacy qualifications will be extended up to **30 June 2027** to allow for 2.1(a) and exiting of learners. Individual letters of extension will be issued to Assessors and Moderators.

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4. Conclusion

The CATHSSETA Management is fully committed to assisting and supporting all stakeholders that have challenges regarding the above changes. For further enquiries please contact Ms Neo Lesaoane at lesaoanen@cathsseta.org.za or 011 217 0600. CATHSSETA encourages stakeholders to transition and become accredited for occupational qualifications through the QCTO.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Motlatla", is written over a horizontal line.

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