

National Reviews: The National Review on Professional and Academic Programmes in Education

The HEQC is preparing for its second national review on selected academic and professional programmes in Education. This Review will be conducted over a period of three to four years. On the 20th of October 2004, the HEQC held a consultative workshop with stakeholders involved in education programmes. This consultative workshop was a culmination of a series of bilateral consultative meetings with most of the stakeholders mentioned hereunder.

About 104 delegates attended the workshop from the following organisations/government departments:

- Deans of Education Faculties in public higher education institutions
- Private higher education institutions offering programmes in Education
- SAUVCA (South African Universities Vice-Chancellors Association)
- CTP (Committee of Technikon Principals)
- APPETD (Association of Private Providers of Education, Training & Development)
- National Department of Education
- Ministerial Commission on Teacher Education
- Provincial Departments of Education
- SAQA (South African Qualifications Authority)
- ELRC (Education Labour Relations Council)
- SACE (South African Council for Educators)
- ETDP SETA (Education, Training and Development Practice Sector Education & Training Authority)
- SADTU (South African Democratic Teachers Union)
- NAPTOA (National Professional Teachers Organisation of South Africa)
- SAOU (Suid-Afrikaanse Onderwys Unie)
- CPTA (Cape Province Teachers Association)
- UMALUSI Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education & Training
- CEPD (Centre for Educational Policy Development)
- NADEOSA (National Distance Education Organisation of South Africa)
- SAIDE (South African Institute for Distance Education)

The purpose of the workshop was to:

- Clarify the purpose of the re-accreditation process,
- Discuss the framework for the re-accreditation process,
- Discuss the Baseline Survey Questionnaire,
- Discuss the State of Teacher Education Quality Report,
- Clarify the role of stakeholders in the process,
- Discuss the procedure and process to be followed in appointing and establishing the reference group to represent stakeholders
- Seek advice and comments on the relevant instruments and activities in undertaking the exercise,
- Discuss the next steps for the process.

It was agreed that delegates would send comments on the Framework and Baseline Survey Questionnaire to the HEQC by the 3rd of November 2004, after which both documents will be finalised by the HEQC and sent to all stakeholders. Institutions will then be requested to submit information as per the final version of the questionnaire to the HEQC before the end of the year. Further regional workshops will be held early in 2005 especially targeting academics and students in these programmes.