



Outcomes of the National Review of the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Programme

In 2012, the Council on Higher Education (CHE), the council responsible for quality assurance in higher education, and South African Law Deans Association (SALDA) extensively deliberated the matter of whether the CHE should undertake a national review of the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) programme. Ultimately, an agreement was reached that a national review of the LLB programme would be appropriate to strengthen the quality of legal education provision across South African universities. Again, at the LLB Summit held in May 2013, SALDA and the legal professions (General Bar Council and the Law Society of South Africa) reiterated the need to conduct a national review of the LLB programme. In 2015/16, the CHE undertook a national review of the LLB programme. A national review is a peer-driven exercise and focuses on the re-accreditation of existing programmes based on the CHE's programme accreditation criteria and the LLB qualification standard.

Although the national review of the LLB qualification was completed in April 2017, there is ongoing monitoring of those programmes that are still in the process of implementing the recommendations flowing from their national review reports. The HEQC met once again on 07 June 2018 to review the 10 May LLB progress reports. Taking into account the improvements made by the institutions, the HEQC revised their initial accreditation decisions to reflect improvements made. The accreditation status of 8 institutions has changed to '**Accreditation confirmed**'. This brings the number of fully-accredited LLB qualifications to 11.

Following the evaluation of the improvement plans and progress reports, the revised final re-accreditation outcomes are as follows:

Final re-accreditation outcomes of the LLB National Review as of 07 June 2018.

Accreditation confirmed (<i>in no particular order</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nelson Mandela University• University of KwaZulu-Natal• University of Pretoria• University of Johannesburg• Rhodes University• University of Cape Town• University of the Western Cape• Stellenbosch University• University of Zululand• University of the Witwatersrand• University of South Africa
Re-accreditation subject to meeting specified conditions (<i>in no particular order</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• University of Fort Hare• North West University• University of the Free State• University of Venda• University of Limpopo
Accreditation withdrawn
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walter Sisulu University

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