

Communiqué 2 of 2024

To: All Higher Education Institutions, initial teacher education stakeholders and role-players, and interested persons.

Subject: Call for Comments: Draft Bachelor of Education and Postgraduate Certificate in Education Qualification Standards.

The Council on Higher Education (CHE) announces the release of the draft qualification standards for the Bachelor of Education and Postgraduate Certificate in Education for comment.

The draft qualification standards were developed by a Working Group of peer academics with expertise in the field.

The rationale for the process is outlined in the Framework for Qualification Standards in Higher Education which can be found on the CHE website <https://www.che.ac.za/focus-areas/national-standards-and-reviews>.

The process of standard development itself is described in the introduction to the qualification standards.

A qualification standard is a generic statement of the purpose of the qualification, the level of achievement, the graduate attributes required for the award of the qualification, and how those attributes are assessed. National qualification standards serve a dual purpose to guide the development and provisioning of the qualification, as well as to serve as compliance benchmarks for qualification types awarded in particular fields of study or disciplines.

The fundamental principles of inclusivity, transparency, and consensus underpin the CHE's standards development process. These draft qualification standards underwent several iterations before consensus was reached by the Working Group. The next step involves academic and public engagement and consultation. This consultation stage ensures that the key stakeholders and the general public can review the qualification standards' content before they are considered by the National Standards and Reviews Committee and later approved by the CHE's Higher Education Quality Committee (HEQC).

Comments received will be considered by the Working Group in detail, and if necessary, further drafting will be carried out to accommodate responses.



The Council on Higher Education is the Quality Council for Higher Education in South Africa

The CHE requests higher education institutions, other initial teacher education role-player and stakeholder organisations and interested persons to submit comments or recommendations on the draft standards to Ms Fundiswa Kanise-Roboshe at kanise.f@che.ac.za by no later than **22 May 2024**. The draft standards are attached and are also available on the CHE website [ITE Standard Bachelor of Education \(B Ed\) v10 For consultation April 2024.docx](#) and [ITE Standard v10 Postgraduate Certificate in Education \(PGCE\) For Consulation 20240403.docx](#)

Kindly ensure that the subject line indicates: Comments on Draft Qualification Standards for the Bachelor of Education and Postgraduate Certificate in Education.

Should you require more information, kindly contact Ms. Fundiswa Kanise-Roboshe at kanise.f@che.ac.za

Yours sincerely



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