

ALIGNMENT OF MBA TO HEQSF

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CHE PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP

- Offer clarity and guidance on way forward
- Provide information on plan for alignment of MBA to HEQSF
- Create a platform for engagement of providers across sectors on responding to CHE
- Create a space for the CHE to learn from the sector
 - MBA sector views
 - Sharpen criteria for MBA evaluation – first professional Master's degree

FRAMING THE DISCUSSION

- 3 interconnected processes- CHE, DHET & SAQA – submission date? date of offering?
- Confirm agreements – professional degree
- Outline CHE process
- Discuss programme and curriculum design of professional Master's degree
- Sharpen criteria & training of evaluators
- Issues of concern or for clarification

CHE 2011 AGREEMENT

- Admission requirements
 - 4 year B degree
 - PG (Dip.) – Level 8
 - Appropriate honours degree
 - RPL – no more than 10%
- + own admission requirements
- Level 9 qualification (120 credits)
- Minimum 180 credits – minimum research component of 25%
- Professional Master's degree (alternatives motivated)

GROUP TASK

The MBA will be evaluated to ensure *i.a.*, that it meets the criteria for a professional Master's degree with 120 credits at Level 9 in terms of its programme design (Criterion 1) as well as the other revised criteria. The programme design needs to ensure that the purpose of the qualification will be met, i.e., to prepare graduates for advanced and specialised professional employment.

TASK: ALIGNMENT TO A PROFESSIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE

1. What are the key graduate attributes that would lead to advanced employment opportunities?
2. What could the core and elective components, and knowledge progression options be?
3. What are your suggestions of the fundamental elements of design of the research component ?
4. Ideally, how should WIL and RPL be accommodated in the programme design?
5. List issues of concern or clarification for plenary discussion.