



Request public comments for the draft Standard of Higher Certificate in Emergency Medical Care

In terms of the Higher Education Act (no. 101 of 1997) and the Higher Education Amendment Act (no. 39 of 2008), the Council on Higher Education (CHE) is responsible for quality assurance for higher education, and for implementation of the Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF). The HEQF, in turn, assigns to the CHE the responsibility for developing standards for all higher education qualifications.

A qualification standard is a generic statement of the learning domains, the level of achievement and the graduate attributes required for the award of the qualification. They set out expectations about standards of qualifications in a range of fields of study, describing what gives a discipline its distinctiveness. National qualification standards provide both compliance benchmarks and developmental indicators for qualification types as awarded in particular fields of study or disciplines.

The CHE announces the publication of draft the qualification standard statements for the **Higher Certificate in Emergency Medical Care** for public comment. The CHE Standards development process is underpinned by the fundamental principles of inclusivity, transparency of process and consensus, hence the call for public comment. These draft standards have already undergone narrow consultation with the relevant key stakeholder communities.

The public comment stage ensures that the broader community has an opportunity to review the content of a standard prior to its approval. The draft standard is made available to the public for comment for 30 days. All comments from the public are considered in detail by the relevant standards development Working Group, if necessary, further drafting is undertaken to accommodate responses to the comments. ***Comments should be sent to Ms Fundiswa Roboshe at kanise.f@che.ac.za; subject: (HC in Emergency Medical Care - Comments) by no later than 23 June 2023.***