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Call for Nomination of Members of the Committees of the Council on Higher Education (CHE)

The Council on Higher Education (CHE) is an independent statutory body established by the Higher Education Act, No. 101 of 1997, as amended. It is also governed by the NQF Act No. 67 of 2008 which declared it the Quality Council for Higher Education, and further operates as a Schedule 3A public entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA, Act 1 of 1999), as amended.

Quality assurance and quality promotion in higher education is one of the fundamental responsibilities of the CHE and this is done through its permanent sub-committee, the Higher Education Quality Committee (HEQC). The Strategic Plan (2021 to 2025) of the CHE spells out how the organisation aims to fulfil its mandate.

The Quality Council adheres to principles of good governance, public accountability, independence, transformation and integrity and is accountable to Parliament of the Republic of South Africa.

Council has the overall responsibility for oversight of the CHE and is accountable for the performance of the organisation. Members of Council, the HEQC and all subcommittees are thus responsible for the overall promotion of and safeguarding of the interests of the CHE and taking into account those of sector stakeholders. In carrying out their functions, Members of Council, the HEQC and all subcommittees are expected and required to uphold the highest standards of ethics.

The following are the requirements for members who can be nominated to fill vacant positions in the following governance structures of the CHE:

a. Higher Education Quality Council (HEQC)

- A high level knowledge and experience of higher education, some of which should be in a senior management role in the Post School Education and Training (PSET) and/or related sectors; alternatively, in governmental, non-governmental or industry sectors related to PSET;
- An understanding of the challenges of transformation in the PSET sector or society more generally;
- A sound understanding of quality assurance and related challenges PSET and/or developments internationally;
- Ability to critique and contribute conceptual depth to the methods and approaches of the CHE;
- Knowledge of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in higher education and the learning design implications thereof;
- Ability to make sound and consistent judgements against the criteria for institutional reviews, accreditation and national reviews;
- A minimum qualification of a Master's degree with extensive experience in PSET or related sectors. A PhD will be a recommendation;
- Compliance with any other requirements as determined by the CHE.

b. Institutional Audits Committee (IAC)

- A senior manager/academic from a public or private higher education institution.
- Competent persons drawn from the higher education sector (public or private higher education) with experience and expertise in one or more of the following areas:
 - Institutional management and governance;
 - Institutional planning and finance;
 - Quality assurance;
 - Teaching and learning;
 - Student affairs;
 - Research management;
 - Community engagement;
 - Academic leadership; and
 - The higher education regulatory framework.

c. Accreditation Committee (AC)

- A broad understanding and knowledge of the higher education regulatory/governance space.
- Expertise in programme design, teaching and learning, including academic planning across the three broad fields of study, namely, business/commerce, humanities/social sciences and science engineering and technology and the different qualification types.

The CHE strives to attain broad representation demographically, and notably in terms of gender balance. Members of Council and its committees are appointed in their own right and not as representatives of higher education institutions, sub-sectors or stakeholder organisations.

Nominations of highly capable, knowledgeable, experienced people to serve on the range of committees are invited, and can be made online using the link <https://cheportal.absol.co.za/> where a description of the work of the above-mentioned committees, as well as the criteria which committee members need to meet can also be found. Self-nominations are also possible, provided they are supported by two peer referees.

The closing date for submission of the nominations is **7 February 2025**.

