

## Communiqué 7 of 2023

**To:** All higher education stakeholders and interested persons

**Subject:** Draft Qualification Standard for the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Nutrition for Comment

The Council on Higher Education (CHE) announces the release of the draft qualification standard for the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Nutrition for comment.

The draft qualification standard was 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*, on the [CHE website](#) and the process of standard development itself is described in the introduction to the qualification standard.

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. Before consensus was reached by the Working Group, this draft qualification standard has undergone several iterations requiring a series of Working Group meetings. The next step involves academic and public engagement and consultation. This consultation stage ensures that the key stakeholder community and the general public can review the qualification standard's content before it is considered for approval by the CHE's Higher Education Quality Committee (HEQC).

All comments received will be considered in detail by the Working Group, and if necessary, further drafting will be undertaken to accommodate responses to the comments. The CHE requests your institution to submit comments or recommendations on the draft standard. The draft standard is attached and is also available on the CHE website ([DRAFT: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DIETETICS AND NUTRITION STANDARD](#))

Comments should be sent to Ms. Fundiswa Roboshe at [Kanise.f@che.ac.za](mailto:Kanise.f@che.ac.za) by no later than 29 September 2023. Kindly ensure that the subject line indicates: **Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Nutrition Comments**.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Roboshe if you require any further information.

Sincerely,



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