



## **Council on Higher Education and South African Qualifications Authority**

### **Joint Communiqué 2 of 2024: Regional Workshops on Criteria for Registration of Qualifications and Part-Qualifications on the National Qualifications Framework & Key Requirements of Implementation of the Higher Education Qualifications Sub-framework**

This Communiqué is a follow-up to the Joint Communiqué published by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) on 9 May 2024<sup>1</sup>. In the Communiqué, the CHE and SAQA committed to arrange workshops on the Policy and Criteria for Registration of Qualifications and Part-Qualifications on the National Qualifications Framework (Policy and Criteria) to support institutions with the process of reviewing their qualifications to ensure compliance with Policy and Criteria<sup>2</sup>.

The CHE has since sent letters to institutions detailing their qualifications that meet the requirements of the Policy and Criteria and have thus been re-registered on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) until 30 June 2027, those that do not meet the requirements of the Policy and Criteria as well as other qualifications with

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<sup>1</sup> CHE-SAQA Joint Communiqué 1 of 2024. Joint Communiqué 1 of 2024: Registration of historical qualifications and re-registration of HEQSF-aligned qualifications on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

<sup>2</sup> South African Qualifications Authority (2022). Policy and Criteria for Registration of Qualifications and Part-Qualifications on the National Qualifications Framework. SAQA, Pretoria.

concerns. Institutions that have not received this communication may engage with the CHE through [Dlamini.p@che.ac.za](mailto:Dlamini.p@che.ac.za) and copy [mheqsf@che.ac.za](mailto:mheqsf@che.ac.za).

The letters to the institutions also signaled a clear intent to use the re-registration process to address issues related to the implementation of the Higher Education Qualifications Sub framework (HEQSF). These concerns include:

1. Naming of qualifications including the use of designators,
2. Proliferation of qualifications on the NQF,
3. Management of specializations, internal learning plans and award of qualifications.

The Workshops will also allow for engagement between institutions, the CHE and SAQA on specific concerns about HEQSF-aligned offerings and qualifications. The workshops will target institutional personnel working with various aspects related to development and review of programmes, management of institutional offerings and awards including quality assurance officials, curriculum specialists, officials in Registrars' offices as well as in offices of Deputy Vice Chancellors responsible for Teaching and Learning.

In addition to capacity building, the workshops will also allow for reflection among and between institutions with the regulators on experience with implementation of the HEQSF to date as well as engagement between institutions and the regulators on specific concerns with programmes and/or qualifications as well issues related to the NQF.

Five Regional Workshops will be held physically as shown in Table 1. Interested persons are requested to follow the links to register for the workshops by close of business on Monday 24 June 2024 to enable logistical arrangements to be completed based on indicative numbers of delegates. The exact details of venues will be communicated to registered delegates. Institutions will be required to book a slot with the regulators to flag and address specific concerns related to their institutional records. These will be arranged for the second day as reflected in Table 1.

**Table 1: Schedule of regional workshops**

<b>REGION</b>	<b>CITY AND DATES</b>	<b>VENUE DETAILS</b>
Western Cape	Cape Town: 04-05 July 2024	Cape Peninsula University of Technology: Further details to be confirmed
Gauteng	Johannesburg: 18-19 July 2024	University of Johannesburg. Further details to be confirmed.
Limpopo & Mpumalanga	Nelspruit: 30-31 July 2024.	University of Mpumalanga. Further details to be confirmed.
KwaZulu-Natal	Durban: 22-23 July 2024	University of KwaZulu Natal Further details to be confirmed.
Eastern Cape	29-30 August 2024	Walter Sisulu University: Further details to be confirmed.

**Registration link:** [Regional Workshops on Criteria for Registration of Qualifications and Part-Qualifications](#)

Kindly note that based on interest for the Gauteng workshop, the CHE and SAQA will consider having a second Gauteng Workshop in Tshwane.

For further clarity on any aspect of this communication, kindly liaise with [mheqsf@che.ac.za](mailto:mheqsf@che.ac.za) and for the attention of Dr P. Dlamini.

Sincerely,

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**DATE: 20 June 2024**

**Dr M. Makhafola**  
**Ag Chief Executive: SAQA**



**DATE: 20 June 2024**