



09 September 2019

RE: ACCREDITATION END DATES

Dear Skills Development Provider,

Following the public consultation process on the Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA) landscape post 2020, the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Dr Blade Nzimande has published the Gazette on the re-establishment of SETAs. The Minister has re-established 20 SETAs, including the SERVICES SETA for the period 1 April 2020 to March 2030; aligned to the National Development Plan and the National Skills Development Plan.

To align to this landscape, and in consultation with the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO), the Services SETA will now begin to recommend an accreditation expiry date that is aligned to the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) qualification end dates. However, as the QCTO is in the process of revoking the Quality Assurance functions delegated to SETAs, last enrolment dates and teach out periods are still to be ascertained.

Training providers whose accreditation expires on 31 March 2020 are eligible for extension. Providers can request extension by submitting a valid accreditation letter to the email address: Accreditationnext@serviceseta.org.za.

In line with these developments, the Services SETA will no longer be accepting accreditation applications for Historically Registered Qualifications (HRQs) that have already been replaced by Occupational Qualification (OQs). See table below for the specific qualifications and their replacements:

Historically Registered Qualification	Occupational Qualification	Qualification Level
79626 FETC: Commercial Property and Facilities Manager (NQF 4)	Occupational Certificate: Facilities Manager	6
50080 Further Education and Training Certificate: Project Management (NQF 4)	Occupational Certificate: Project Manager	5
58309 National Diploma: Project Management (NQF 5)		
58395 National Certificate: Project Management (NQF 5)		
65750 National Certificate: Hairdressing (NQF 2)	Occupational Certificate: Hairdresser	4



65749 National Certificate: Hairdressing (NQF 3)		
65729 Further Education and Training Certificate: Hairdressing (NQF 4)		

The SETA also intends to cease accepting accreditation applications and accrediting against Historically Registered Qualifications that are to be earmarked for deactivation in September 2019. A final list is to be communicated once a Joint Implementation Plan has been signed with the QCTO.

The Services SETA, thus, urges accredited and prospective SDPs to embark on a process towards Occupational Qualifications accreditation with the QCTO for already registered Occupational Qualifications and prepare for those that are currently in realignment/development; as accreditation against Occupational Qualifications is the sole responsibility of the QCTO.

The following OCs have also been registered; though they do not replace any HRQs:

- 21024 Certificate: Gardening and Horticulture
- 99687 Occupational Certificate: Contact Centre Manager
- 104621 Occupational Certificate: Mortician

With effect from 09 September 2019, the accreditation process will be based on the process outlined in Annexure 1. The Services SETA no longer unilaterally accredits providers but rather recommends to the QCTO to accredit. As such, accreditation reports and letters are to be issued by the QCTO. Please familiarise yourself with the process flow below.

For further clarity, please contact the following Accreditation Unit personnel:

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We thank you for your patience.

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