

5. Step by Step Process of Realignment

Step 1

The Quality Assurance Partner (SETA/Professional Body) that has been delegated the quality assurance function for historically registered qualifications sends an application to the QCTO to request for the realignment of historically registered qualification(s) into occupational qualifications.



Step 2

QCTO acknowledges receipt of the application. It is at QCTO's discretion to approve or reject the application for realignment of the qualification.

If approved, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is signed by both parties (QCTO and the Quality Assurance Partner).

Should the application not be approved, reasons will be communicated to the Quality Assurance Partner.



Step 3

The Quality Assurance Partner realigns the qualification or identifies a suitable person(s) to realign the qualification in consultation with relevant stakeholders.



Step 4

The Quality Assurance Partner submits the realigned qualification to the QCTO for evaluation.



Step 5

QCTO evaluates, publishes and approves the realigned qualification with the relevant document for public comments.



Step 6

The realigned qualification is presented to the QCTO Council for approval before submission to the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) for registration.



Step 7

SAQA registers the realigned qualification as an Occupational Qualification.

For more information on the realignment process:

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the realignment process for historically registered qualifications that had not been included in the current processes of developing occupational qualifications utilising the QCTO model.

The realignment process aims to convert historically registered qualifications into occupational qualifications before the current registration end date expires.

2. Rationale

The realignment of historically registered qualifications is aimed at ensuring that the Occupational Qualifications Sub-Framework (OQSF) consist of occupational qualifications as per the determination by the Minister of Higher Education and Training.

This realignment initiative is aimed at ensuring that the historically registered qualifications, that have currency in the industry, conform to the QCTO model.



3. Historically Registered Qualifications

The following types of historically registered qualifications on the OQSF are considered for realignment:

1. Unit standard-based qualifications: qualifications made out of unit standards
2. Provider-based qualifications: qualifications that are linked to specific providers

Only the historically registered qualifications that have been identified by industry as being relevant will be considered in the realignment process.

The National N Certificate (N4-N6) and National Diploma qualifications offered by Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges (TVETs), and private colleges are not considered in the realignment process, as these qualifications have their own reconstruction process.



4. Outlook of realigned qualifications

The realigned qualification will consist of three components of learning:

- Knowledge/Theory
- Practical Skills and
- Work Experience, as required of all Occupational Qualifications.

The realignment process will also include part qualifications.

All realigned qualifications will have an external integrated summative assessment as a requirement.