

COVID-19 MEMORANDUM 3

TO: ALL QCTO STAKEHOLDERS, QUALITY ASSURANCE PARTNERS, ACCREDITED ASSESSMENT CENTRES / TRADE TEST CENTRES AND LEGACY TRADE SDPS

DATE: 08 June 2020

Dear Colleagues,

RE: Criteria and Guidelines for the Gradual Opening of Activities within the QQSF as per Regulations of the Disaster Management Act.

The COVID-19 crisis has caused enormous disruption to the lives of all South Africans, which also affected the Skills Development sector. In order to address some of the immediate challenges during the lockdown, The QCTO released the following Memorandums.

- COVID-19 Memorandum 1 on the 04 May 2020 regarding the opening of E-learning for qualifications on the QQSF
- COVID-19 Memorandum 2 on the 07 May 2020 regarding the extension of accreditation for Assessment Centres/Trade test Centres and Skills Development Providers.

This Memorandum 3 serves to update the sector on further steps taken by the QCTO to address the gradual opening of activities within the sector. The QCTO in conjunction with Skills Branch at the DHET developed draft Criteria and Guidelines. The CEO of the QCTO made a presentation to the Ministerial Task Team (chaired by the Honourable Deputy Minister of DHET, Mr Manamela) on Saturday 06 June 2020). The presentation focussed on the unique challenges facing the sector and the critical role the sector plays in Skills Development as well as a briefing on the draft Criteria and Guidelines. The Skills Branch also circulated the draft Criteria and Guidelines to the SETAs for comments and input. The CEO of the QCTO now participates in the SETA COVID-19 task team. Simultaneously the document was also forwarded by the DHET to the National Skills Authority (NSA) for comment and advice. It is the mandate of the NSA to advise the Minister. The QCTO will incorporate all the comments and will put in all the measures to ensure the speedy approval of said Criteria and Guidelines by the Minister: MHEST

In this time of crisis, the QCTO, DHET and the SETAs stand by all assessment centres, skills development providers and learners in the trade and occupational space, and remains committed to finding flexible solutions to ensure that education and training continues within all applicable lockdown regulations.

Regards



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