

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**It's (EISA) Exam Time again!**

**QCTO wishes all Occupational Qualifications' Learners success in EISA Exams during this quarter**

The Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) wishes all the learners registered for External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA) during this quarter all of the best and positive outcome on their assessment.

The QCTO is aware that it is crunch time, but it is confident that learners will be able to demonstrate the knowledge, practical and work experience acquired from the skills development providers and workplaces during their training period.

The Occupational Qualifications are developed by the Industry for the Industry. This confirms a need for the qualification, and moreover, its relevance and standard for industry. Further, the Occupational Qualifications are registered and recognised on the Occupational Qualifications Sub Framework (OQSF) of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

Explaining the importance of the EISA (External Integrated Summative Assessment), the QCTO's CEO Vijayen Naidoo said, "The EISA is a big part of the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations' (QCTO) quality assurance system and a single national assessment leading to the awarding of an Occupational Certificate. It is conducted by applying nationally standardised assessment instruments, which are developed and administered by the QCTO and its Quality Partners, to ensure consistent and credible assessment of all qualifications in the Occupational Qualifications Sub Framework (OQSF).

Mr Naidoo further said that the EISA is compulsory for the awarding of an NQF registered occupational qualification or part qualification and it is conducted at an accredited Assessment Centre.

Learners gain access to the EISA either through enrolling with an accredited Skills Development Provider (SDP) for studying towards an occupational qualification, or via the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) route. Once the learner has successfully satisfied the requirements of the occupational qualification - Knowledge, Practical and Work Experience

components, the learner obtains a Statement of Results (SoR) which allows the learner access to the EISA.

A number of Occupational Qualifications will be assessed, for e.g Health Promotion Officer, Electrician, Freight Handler, Miller, Railway Signal Operator (Functional Yard Operator), Train Driver, Toolmaker, Fire Fighter, Tax Technician and Tax Professional, Draughtsperson (Piping Draught Person), Retail Store Manager, Clearing and Forwarding Agent, Chef, Bus Driver, Early Childhood Development Practitioner, Claim Assessor, Library Assistant amongst others.

Mr Vijayen Naidoo stated that the EISA system is credible, upholds high standards and meets industry standards and requirements. This system only allows learners who provide proof of completion with all the required knowledge, practical and work experience modules to sit for the final national assessment.

“The Statement of Results (SoR) obtained from the Skills Development Provider (SDP) serves as a proof that the candidate has satisfied all the requirements to be admitted to sit for the External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA)”, says Mr Naidoo.

These assessments are written throughout the year on specific dates. The QCTO approves EISA results after ascertaining that the minimum acceptable standards have been met

The success of these learners means a lot for the industry and society, as successful learners will be employable or be self employed

All the best to all the learners and the country looks forward to your positive contribution to our economy.

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