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To: All SETAs and Accredited Trade Test Centres

## **Re: Progressive implementation of the Trade Test Regulation 2015**

The National Artisan Moderation Body has received communication with reference to the implementation of the Trade Test Regulations published on the 8 May 2015 in Government Gazette 38758. NAMB has taken note of concerns and questions raised and would like to assure you that there is no intention to over hastily implement these regulations.

The key regulations which will have an impact and is being implemented at this stage is Regulation 7(1), also to be noted in line with regulation 7(1) is Regulation 7(6) as NAMB will not recommend certification of candidates tested that does not appear on the schedule submitted.

Trade test centres must send their trade test schedules in terms of Regulations 7(1) to Heilene Steenkamp at [Steenkamp.H@dhet.gov.za](mailto:Steenkamp.H@dhet.gov.za) , Lawrence Shilaluke at [Shilaluke.L@dhet.gov.za](mailto:Shilaluke.L@dhet.gov.za) and Andiswa Mzele at [Mzele.A@dhet.gov.za](mailto:Mzele.A@dhet.gov.za) in the format as prescribed by NAMB.

Regulation 5; trade test fees status quo will remain as per circular 1/2015 but in terms of Trade Test Rules, the TTCs must progressively implement the Trade Test Criteria and Guidelines issued by the NAMB.

Regulation 2(1), 2(4) and 7(2) referring to applications for trade testing (including serial number issuing) and submission of trade test results by the Trade Test Centres remains as status quo as per circular 2/2015.

Further the Transitional arrangements, Regulation 11 will be implemented although there are not major impact as most issues have already been implemented in the Transitional Arrangements issued 28 July 2014, just please take note that Regulation 11(1) would need centres to be deemed accredited to sign a TTC SLA in terms of NAMB accreditation Criteria and also take note of Regulation 11(6).

NAMB would once again emphasize that until the Trade Testing system currently in the development process with the State Information Technology Agency (SITA) is available to effectively implement the entire regulation NAMB will do progressive implementation and will try as far as possible to minimise upsetting delivery and stability of the artisan training system.



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