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Dear Skills Development Provider,

**RE: HRQ ACCREDITATION END DATES AND QCTO OQ ACCREDITATIONS**

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 FP&M 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 FP&M 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 ascertain.

Training providers whose accreditation expires on 31 March 2020 are eligible for extension, Providers can request extension of accreditation if their accreditation are due to expire and if the Historical Registered Qualification has not yet been replaced by the Occupational Qualifications of the QCTO, they can do that by submitting a re-accreditation form to to the email addresses: Zaneles@fpmseta.org.za

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no longer be accepting accreditation applications for Historically Registered Qualifications(HRQs) that have already been replaced by Occupational Qualification(OQs).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

<https://www.qcto.org.za/index.php/services/qualifications>

The SETA also intends to cease accepting accreditation applications and accrediting against Historically Registered Qualifications that are replaced by QCTO’s Occupatinal Qualifications.

The FP&M SETA, thus Urges accredited and Prospective SDPs to embark on a process towards Occupational Qualification accreditation with the QCTO for already registered Occupational Qualifications and prepare for those that are currently in realignment/ development; as accreditation against Occupationally Qualifications is the sole responsibility of the QCTO.

The FP&M 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 from April 2020.

Please familiarise yourself with the process, guidelines and forms for accrediations on Occupational Qualifications, we have also included link to SDPs that are accredited by the QCTO on Occupational Qualifications:

<https://www.qcto.org.za/index.php/accreditation-approach.html>

<https://www.qcto.org.za/images/accreditation/GUIDELINESFORACCREDITATIONOFSDP.pdf>

<https://www.qcto.org.za/index.php/skills-development-provider-accreditation-form.html?layout=table>

<https://www.qcto.org.za/index.php/skills-development-providers?id=92>

<https://www.qcto.org.za/index.php/accredited-skills-developent-providers.html?layout=table>

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

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The FP&M SETA will also be willing to support we assistance is required at all times.

Regards,



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