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GENERAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT, 2001 (ACT NO 58 OF 2001)**REGULATIONS FOR THE ISSUING OF CERTIFICATES BY THE GENERAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING QUALITY ASSURANCE COUNCIL**

The Minister of Education, after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, hereby makes regulations for the issuing of certificates in terms of section 27 of the General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Council Act, 2001 (Act No 58 of 2001), as set out in the Schedule.

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SCHEDULE**DEFINITIONS**

1. In these regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, has the meaning thus assigned and, unless the context otherwise indicates -

"council" means the General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Council;

"core" means the compulsory learning required in situations that are contextually relevant to the particular qualification;

"elective" means a selection of additional credits at the level of the NQF specified from which a choice may be made to ensure that the purpose of the qualification is achieved;

"final assessment" means internal and external assessment which contributes to the issuing of certificates;

"fundamental" means the learning which forms the ground or basis needed to undertake the education, training or further learning required in obtaining a qualification;

"occupational" means the education and training that leads to the development of knowledge and skills specific to an industry

"the Act" means the General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Act, 2001 (Act No 58 of 2001).

CERTIFICATES ISSUED UNDER THESE REGULATIONS

2. The Council will be responsible for the issuing of the following certificates:
 - a) Senior Certificate;
 - b) National Senior Certificate;
 - c) National Certificate N3;
 - d) General Education and Training Certificate;
 - e) Further Education and Training Certificate;
 - f) Subject certificate;
 - g) Learning area certificate; or
 - h) Unit standard certificate.
3. A common General Education and Training Certificate will be awarded for the three pathways, leading to the attainment of a General Education and Training Certificate which are School, Adult Basic Education and Training and Occupational.
4. A common Further Education and Training Certificate will be awarded for the three pathways leading to the attainment of the Further Education and training Certificate, which are General Academic, General Vocational and Occupational.
5. Certificates referred to in Regulation 2 will be issued subject to the payment of a fee prescribed by the Council.

ASSESSMENT BODIES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN CONDUCTING INTERNAL ASSESSMENT THAT FORMS PART OF THE FINAL ASSESSMENT

6. The assessment body must comply with the directives issued by the Council with regard to internal assessment.
7. The assessment body must monitor the implementation of the directives, issued by the Council, for internal assessment at the learning sites under its control, to ensure the reliability of assessment outcomes and report any irregularity without delay to the Council in writing, as well as the steps taken to deal with the irregularity.
8. Internal moderation of marks must be conducted in accordance with the principles and conditions outlined by Council.
9. All internal assessment marks must be made available to Council for statistical moderation or any other form of moderation that the Council may deem appropriate.

ASSESSMENT BODIES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CONDUCTING EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT THAT FORMS PART OF THE FINAL ASSESSMENT

10. In respect of an external examination to be conducted an assessment body–

- (a) must take adequate measures, to combat irregularities at assessment and marking centers and must take adequate security measures to ensure the integrity of the assessments;
- (b) must ensure that assessment is representative of the prescribed subject matter;
- (c) must ensure that assessment is moderated by at least one competent internal moderator appointed by the assessment body;
- (d) must submit assessment material to an external moderator for confirmation that the material conforms to the required standards;
- (e) must ensure that a sample of the assessment scripts or other assessment is moderated by an external moderator appointed by the Council;
- (f) must schedule a particular assessment session for a stipulated date and time on the assessment time-table;
- (g) must supply the Council on or before a date, and in the form, determined by the Council with a mark or other record as required for each assessment undertaken;
- (h) must without delay and in writing supply the Council and the Director-General with full details of any irregularity that occurred in respect of such assessment and the steps taken to deal with the irregularity;
- (i) must publish the results of the assessment after obtaining the approval of the Council on a date determined by the Minister;
- (j) may recommend to the Council during the standardisation process that raw marks be adjusted; and
- (k) must ensure learners with barriers to learning will be accommodated.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE COMPLIED WITH BY CANDIDATES FOR THE CERTIFICATES

- 11. (a) The awarding of each of the certificates listed in regulation 2, will be based on a learner satisfying the requirements of both internal and external assessment.
- (b) The Senior Certificate is issued at the end of Level 4 of the National Qualifications Framework, to learners who have satisfied the requirements of the qualification, as contained in paragraph 6 of the National Education Policy, Report 550, namely offered six instructional offerings and passed in two languages from group A, one at First Language Level, and the

- other one on at least Second Language Level, three instructional offerings from groups B to F and an aggregate of 720 marks.
- (c) The National Certificate N3 is issued to learners who have satisfied the programme requirements, which comprises three or four instructional offerings as contained in the National Education Policy, Reports 190 and 191.
 - (d) The National Senior Certificate is issued at the end of Level 4 of the National Qualifications Framework, to learners who have offered two languages, one on First Language Level and one on at least Second Language Level as well as four additional offerings as prescribed in the programme as contained in the National Education Policy, Reports 190 and 191. The learner must satisfy the programme requirements, which comprises three instructional offerings as well as two languages as stated above.
 - (e) The General Education and Training Certificate is issued to learners that have satisfied the requirements for the qualification at the end of level I of the National Qualifications Framework, as contained in Appendix A.
 - (f) A subject certificate, learning area certificate or unit standard certificate will be issued to a candidate who does not comply with the requirements for a qualification as registered on the National Qualifications Framework, but satisfies the requirements for one or more subjects, learning areas or unit standards.

NATIONAL LEARNER RECORD DATABASE

- 12. The Council must transfer data to the National Learner Record Database as stipulated by the South African Qualifications Authority when a certificate is issued, as stipulated in Regulation 2.
- 13. All providers must keep records of learners' results, which lead to a qualification.
- 14. An assessment body must submit the final assessment records, per learner in accordance with the directives issued by the Council.

FORMAT OF THE CERTIFICATE

- 15(a) The format of certificates referred to in Regulation 2 will be as contemplated in Appendices B, C, D, E, F, H and I appended hereto, provided that –
- (b) All certificates will be issued in English, however if requested by a candidate a second official language of the candidate's choice may be added.

SHORT TITLE

- 16. These regulations are called the Regulations for the Issuing of Certificates by the Council.