

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. 1237

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GENERAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT, 2001 (ACT NO. 58 OF 2001)**CALL FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM STAKEHOLDER BODIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE DRAFT REGULATIONS REGARDING THE CRITERIA FOR THE QUALITY ASSURANCE, ACCREDITATION AND MONITORING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE ASSESSMENT BODIES BY THE COUNCIL FOR GENERAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING QUALITY ASSURANCE ("UMALUSI")**

1. I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, hereby, in terms of sections 17A(2)(b), 17A(2)(c) and 27 of the *General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Act, 2001 (Act No. 58 of 2001)*, and after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers give my intention to develop *Regulations regarding the criteria for the quality assurance, accreditation and monitoring of independent schools and private assessment bodies by the General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Council*. In view of this, I invite stakeholder bodies and members of the public to comment on the regulations as set out in the **Schedule**.

AVAILABILITY OF THE REGULATIONS DOCUMENT

2. The **Schedule** referred in paragraph 1 is available on Umalusi's website: www.umalusi.org.za

BACKGROUND

- (2) In accordance with sections 17A(2)(a), 23(1) and 24 of the *General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Act, 2001*, Umalusi's policy and criteria for the quality assurance, accreditation and monitoring of independent schools and private assessment bodies was developed. The policy was promulgated as Government Notice No 879 in Government Gazette No 35830 of 29 October 2012.
- (3) In compliance with sections 17A(2)(b) and 17A(2)(c) of the *General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Act, 2001*, regulations pertaining to the quality assurance, accreditation and monitoring of private assessment bodies have been developed.
- (4) Although not specifically required, I have deemed it necessary to develop regulations for the quality assurance, accreditation and monitoring of independent schools in accordance with section 27 of the *General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Act, 2001* in order to achieve the objects of the said Act.

SUBMISSIONS

5. It would greatly assist Umalusi if all submissions could be prepared under the headings listed in the draft document, *Regulations regarding the criteria for the quality assurance, accreditation and monitoring of independent schools and private assessment bodies by the General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Council* as set out in the **Schedule**. If you do not wish to comment under a particular heading, please indicate "No comment".

6. The name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and fax number of the person or organisation responsible for submitting comments must be provided.

CLOSING DATE

7. The closing date for the receipt of comments is set as **21 days** after publication of this Notice.

ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSIONS

8. Please send or deliver your submission to:

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