

NOTICE OF SAQA INTENTION TO IMPLEMENT A FEE FOR SERVICES

The National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Act, Act 67 of 2008 states that the objectives of the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) are to advance the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and to oversee the further development and implementation of the NQF.

Section 21(c) of the NQF Act, provides for SAQA to charge a fee for services rendered.

On 28 July 2022, the SAQA Board approved a recommendation to charge a fee for the evaluation and registration of qualifications and part-qualifications on the NQF, as well as for the confirmation of qualifications for private higher education institutions for the purpose of their annual reporting to the Department of Higher Education and Training.

1. Evaluation and Registration of Qualifications and Part-qualifications on the National Qualifications Framework

Section 27(h)(iv) of the NQF Act, states that the Quality Councils must recommend qualifications and part-qualifications to SAQA for registration on the NQF. SAQA has developed a costing model that was informed by the time and effort that is required to evaluate and register a recommended qualification.

The SAQA Board approved the charging of a fee effective from **1 April 2023**, for the evaluation and registration of qualifications and part qualifications on the NQF as follows (SAQA Decision # SAQA 09/137/2022 as follows:

1. Evaluation of recommended qualification and/or part-qualification – R5 800 per qualification and part-qualification, and
2. Evaluation of any amendments to qualifications – R3 500 per qualification. This includes qualifications that are found to be non-compliant and returned based on a recommendation from the SAQA Qualifications Committee.

2. Confirmation of Qualifications for Private Higher Education Institutions for the Purpose of the Annual Report to the Department of Higher Education

Regulations for the Registration of Private Higher Education Institutions (Guide APX-03) states that all Private Higher Education Institutions (PHEIs) must submit an audited list of all qualifications offered by the institution, including full qualifications that belong to the General and Further Education and Training Sub-Framework, the Occupational Qualifications Sub-Framework and the Higher Education Qualifications Sub-Framework, to SAQA for its written confirmation that the correct sub-framework of the NQF has been cited. A costing model was developed based on the time required to confirm the qualifications for PHEIs.

The SAQA Board approved to charge a fee from **1 January 2023** for the confirmation of qualifications as follows (SAQA Decision# SAQA 09/137/2022):

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Number of Qualifications	Rand
1-5 qualifications	2,889.80
6 - 10 qualifications	3,467.76
11 - 15 qualifications	4,045.72
16 - 20 qualifications	4,623.68
21 - 25 qualifications	5,201.64
26 - 30 qualifications	5,779.60
31+ qualifications	6,357.56

Please feel free to contact Mr. Japie Nel at jnel@saqa.co.za should you need any clarification in this regard.

Sincerely,



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"To ensure the development and implementation of a National Qualifications Framework which contributes to the full development of each learner and to the social and economic development of the nation at large"