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To: All Quality Partners Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and Administrators

Appreciation for Participation in the development of Policies and Implementation of Approved Policies

Dear Chief Executive Officers and Administrators,

The Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) would like to extend its sincere appreciation and gratitude to all Quality Partners for your valuable participation, commitment, and contribution to the Task Team established to standardise policies and procedures across the Post-School Education and Training (PSET) system.

The Task Team was established following the collective commitment by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), QCTO and Quality Partners to promote greater collaboration, alignment, and standardisation within the sector. The work undertaken by the Task Team over the past several months has been exemplary. Through constructive engagement, technical expertise, and a shared vision for a coordinated and efficient occupational qualifications system, the team successfully reviewed and standardised policies.

The dedication and professionalism demonstrated by representatives from the QCTO and Quality Partners have resulted in a suite of high-quality policies that support a unified, simplified, and responsive quality assurance system. The quality of the work produced was affirmed by the QCTO Council's consideration and approval of the policies, recognising the robustness, relevance, and strategic value of the standardised policy framework.

This achievement represents a significant milestone in strengthening the integrity, consistency, and effectiveness of the occupational qualifications system. It further demonstrates what can be accomplished when sector partners work collaboratively towards a common objective of improving service delivery and reducing duplication across the skills development landscape.

We are pleased to confirm that the following policies, as approved by the QCTO Council, are effective immediately and must be implemented by all relevant stakeholders with immediate effect:

- **Accreditation Policy;**
- **Assessment Policy;**
- **Quality Assurance Policy**; and
- **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy**.

The only exception is the **Workplace Approval Policy**, which will be implemented from the commencement of the new financial year to allow for the necessary preparations and alignment processes.

The approved policies will contribute significantly to:

- Improved consistency and standardisation across the PSET sector
- Enhanced collaboration between QCTO and Quality Partners
- Greater efficiency in accreditation, assessment, and quality assurance processes

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- Clearer roles, responsibilities, and accountability mechanisms
- Strengthened governance and compliance within the occupational qualifications system; and
- Improved service delivery to stakeholders and learners.

The QCTO deeply values the expertise, commitment, and support provided by all Quality Partners throughout this important initiative.

Please convey our appreciation to all officials who participated in the various task teams and working groups..

We look forward to our continued partnership as we collectively implement these approved policies and further strengthen the quality assurance ecosystem.

Sincerely,



Mr. V Naidoo
Chief Executive Officer
Date: 21/10/2026

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