

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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**GENERAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACT, 20001 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2001)
AND
NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS ACT, 2008 (ACT NO 67 OF 2008)**

**REPEAL OF POLICY AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NATIONAL SENIOR
CERTIFICATE (COLLEGES) PROGRAMMES – NATED 190/191**

In terms of Section 27(k) of the National Qualifications Framework Act, Act No 67 of 2008, Umalusi Council hereby notifies the public of its intent to phase out the National Senior Certificate (Colleges) (*Nated Report 191, Part 1*) as from 1 January 2021.

The National Senior Certificate (Colleges) (*Nated Report 191, Part 1*) has remained as an option for candidates who, having passed the National Certificate N3: Engineering, were entitled to receive the qualification on condition that they had offered and passed the two N3 Business Languages offered at the colleges.

An analysis undertaken for Umalusi Council in 2016 indicated that very few candidates elect to be certified for the qualification, and further that the NSC (Colleges) qualification does not articulate meaningfully with other qualifications on the National Qualifications Framework. Given the importance attached to the need for articulation in the NQF environment, and given the new qualifications developed to offer more meaningful second chances, Umalusi Council has determined that the qualification in its current format no longer serves a meaningful function in the education and training system.

For both the reasons cited above, Umalusi Council, as the Quality Council for General and Further Education and Training has determined the cessation of the NSC (Colleges) programme as recorded in *Nated Report 191, Part 1*.

With the repeal of the Policy for the NSC (Colleges) Programmes (*Nated Report 191*), the certification of the National Technical Certificate N3 subjects in combination with Senior Certificate subjects for the issuing of a Senior Certificate, awarded in terms of *A résumé of instructional programmes in schools, Report 550 (2005/09)*, will also cease.

The last date of examination for students requiring the two N3 Business Languages to qualify for the NSC (Colleges) qualification and for the National Technical Certificate N3 subjects to qualify for the Senior Certificate will be November 2020. No further registrations will be allowed from 1 January 2021.



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