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### Umalusi approves the release of the 2021 mid-year results

Umalusi, the Quality Council in General and Further Education and Training, has recently standardised and approved the release of the mid-year results of the national examinations administered by various assessment bodies. The Executive Committee of Umalusi Council approved the results of the following qualifications from 22 July 2021 to 12 August 2021:

Qualification	Number of Candidates	Assessment Body	Approval Date
General Education and Training Certificate: Adult Basic Education and Training (GETC: ABET)	629	Independent Examinations Board ( <b>IEB</b> )	22 July 2021
Senior Certificate (amended) (SC(a))	142 374	Department of Basic Education ( <b>DBE</b> )	12 August 2021
GETC: ABET	501	South African Comprehensive Assessment Institute ( <b>SACAI</b> )	12 August 2021

The Council is satisfied that despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic on the conduct, administration and management of national examinations, assessment bodies have done their best to ensure that the prevailing circumstances do not disadvantage learners. Due to restrictions imposed by the pandemic, Umalusi was forced to adopt a multi-modal approach in its quality assurance of assessment processes. This entailed a combined utilisation of online platforms and face-to-face site visits.

However, EXCO also expressed its concerns about non-systemic irregularities observed in the administration of some of the national examinations processes. In such cases, EXCO directed assessment bodies to, among others, block the results of affected centres, address the directives for compliance and improvement highlighted in the relevant quality assurance of assessment reports, and take measures against centres implicated in irregularities and submit a full report to Umalusi by the given date.

The following table summarises the **substantive** directives issued by EXCO in the process of approving the results of various assessment bodies:

Qualification	Assessment Body	Directives
GETC: ABET	IEB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Block the results of three centres that failed to comply with site-based assessment (SBA) instructions pending the outcome of further investigations by the IEB and verification by Umalusi.</li> <li>Block the results of candidates/ centres/ and Learning Areas of two centres implicated in irregularities, which were observed during the marking of examinations, pending the outcome of further IEB investigations and verification by Umalusi.</li> </ul>
SC(a)	DBE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Block and investigate the results of the candidates implicated in the examination irregularities.</li> <li>Report the outcome of the investigations to Umalusi.</li> </ul>

The CEO of Umalusi, Dr Mafu Rakometsi, had the following to say about the outcome of the approval of the mid-year results, "Umalusi is determined to maintain high educational standards as a Quality Council in General and Further Education and Training. Similar to end-of-year examinations, mid-year examinations are critical, and the same quality assurance measures must be implemented to ensure parity of standards across academic years. To this end, we thank various assessment bodies and their officials for conducting successful examinations."

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