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### **Umalusi awards accreditation certificates to successful institutions**

Umalusi held its Accreditation Forum and Certificate Presentation Ceremony on Wednesday, 8 March 2023. The purpose was to award accreditation certificates to institutions that met Umalusi's accreditation criteria to offer the qualifications that are registered on the General and Further Education and Training Qualifications Sub-framework (GFETQSF). The event was attended by approximately 500 delegates: 170 attended in person while about 330 joined on the virtual platform.

Amongst the 125 institutions that received accreditation certificates are:

- 120 independent schools to offer the National Curriculum Statement (NCS) leading to the award of the National Senior Certificate (NSC);
- 3 private colleges accredited to offer the N1-N3 Engineering Studies programmes,
- 1 private college accredited to offer NC(V) Levels 2-4: Office Administration, and
- the South African Comprehensive Assessment Institute (SACAI), a private assessment body, to assess the NSC and General Education and Training Certificate: Adult Basic Education and Training (GETC: ABET).

The names of the accredited institutions are available on the Umalusi website: [www.umalusi.org.za](http://www.umalusi.org.za). Delivering his keynote address, the Chairperson of Umalusi Council, Professor Yunus Ballim, said the fact that Umalusi awarded accreditation status to the institutions meant that the social justice issue of reaching the most marginalised members of our society was being addressed. He went on to say "due to Umalusi's stringent quality assurance processes, the standard of the South African qualifications is credible and has recognised value nationally and internationally."

In his congratulatory message, the CEO of Umalusi, Dr Mafu Rakometsi, said "this is a great achievement and a milestone for all the institutions receiving their certificates today, considering all the effort that goes into meeting the accreditation requirements of Umalusi in order to be accorded the accreditation status. The accreditation certificate is a symbol of quality assurance that inspires parents, learners, and society to have confidence in the quality of our education system and independent institutions".

All the presentations delivered are accessible on the Umalusi website ([www.umalusi.org.za](http://www.umalusi.org.za)).

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