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Clarification on the qualifications that are quality assured by Umalusi in South Africa

Umalusi, in its capacity as the authority responsible for accreditation of school-related qualifications in South Africa, has been receiving queries from national and regional higher education institutions and government entities outside the borders of South Africa about the accreditation status of some of the qualifications which were developed in South Africa and offered in those jurisdictions. Based on that, Umalusi finds it necessary to clarify its role in the accreditation of qualifications offered in the schooling, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and adult education and training (AET) systems in South Africa.

Umalusi draws its mandate from the amended General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance (GENFETQA) Act of 2001 and the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Act of 2008. In fulfilling its constitutional obligation, namely section 29(3) of the Constitution, and the obligation imposed by the GENFETQA in respect of accreditation, Umalusi has, to date, accredited the Independent Examinations Board (IEB) and South African Comprehensive Assessment Institute (SACAI) as private assessment bodies to administer the General Education and Training Certificate: Adult Basic Education and Training (GETC: ABET) and National Senior Certificate (NSC) assessments and examinations in South Africa.

In simple terms, the accreditation of both the IEB and SACAI is only in respect of the assessment of the NSC and GETC: ABET in South Africa. If there is any other qualification that is offered by the IEB or SACAI either within or outside the borders of South Africa such falls outside the legislative mandate of Umalusi and, therefore, Umalusi does not get involved in the quality assurance thereof. As a result, any enquiry about any qualification other than the NSC and GETC: ABET should be directed to the IEB or SACAI.

Umalusi reserves the right to amend this statement.

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