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CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: POLICY AND CRITERIA FOR THE RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND THE REGISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS (AS AMENDED, 2019)

1. I, Joe Samuels, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), in terms of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Act, Act 67 of 2008 give notice that the following draft amended Policy is available for public comment:

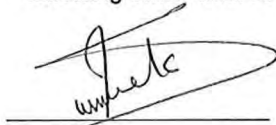
Policy and criteria for the recognition of professional bodies and the registration of professional designations (as amended, 2019).

CONTEXT OF THE AMENDMENTS

2. In March 2018, SAQA amended and published the *Policy and Criteria for Recognising a Professional Body and Registering a Professional Designation for the purposes of the National Qualifications Framework Act, Act 67 of 2008*.
3. The NQF Amendment Act, Act 12 of 2019, was published on 19 August 2019, and although not in force yet, introduces innovative changes to, amongst others, the recognition of professional bodies and the registration of professional designations in South Africa. These proposed changes, along with research conducted to strengthen the Policy and Criteria, were taken into consideration in developing this 2019 draft version for public comment.
4. Quality Councils, statutory and non-statutory professional bodies, and other relevant stakeholders, are invited to comment on the draft from 29 October to 26 November 2019 to assist us in further strengthening the policy and criteria.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE 2019 AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICY AND CRITERIA FOR THE RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND THE REGISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

5. The draft amended policy is available on the SAQA website: www.saqaco.za under Notices.
6. Relevant stakeholders are invited to engage with the draft amended policy and submit comments by 26 November 2019.
7. Comments must be sent to the SAQA Director: International Liaison, Ms Coleen Jaftha at the following email address: cjaftha@saqa.co.za.



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CEO, SAQA