
External Memorandum

To : HWSETA Skills Development Providers (SDPs) and related Stakeholders
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Subject : Review of First Aid Skills programmes

Dear HWSETA Skills Development Providers (SDPs) and related Stakeholders

We trust this communication finds you well.

As you may be aware, three First Aid Skills Programmes were developed and duly registered with the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO). Several SDPs have been accredited to implement these programmes. Subsequently concerns were raised by the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) and some service providers. In the spirit of continuous improvement, it has been decided to conduct a review of these skills programmes.

This review aims to ensure that the programmes are fully aligned with industry needs and acceptable to all related stakeholders. While the review process will not introduce substantial changes, it is intended to enhance the quality, usability, acceptability, and sustainability of the programmes.

Review Process:

- The review process will focus on improving the content and implementation of the First Aid Skills Programmes, without affecting the core structure of the existing skills programmes.
- The HWSETA will work closely with the QCTO and all relevant stakeholders to ensure that learners currently enrolled in these programmes, as well as accredited training providers, are not disadvantaged during this period.
- The review process is expected to be concluded within a **one-month period**, with regular communication to keep all stakeholders informed and engaged.
- In the meantime, and until further notice, the status quo will remain, and provider accreditation and learner enrolment will continue.

Stakeholder Participation:

We value your input as a crucial part of this process. The HWSETA will be reaching out to all relevant stakeholders to invite participation in the review process. This inclusive approach ensures that the updated programmes are suitable and beneficial for all parties involved, including training providers, learners, employers, and regulatory bodies.

Minimising Disruption:

We are committed to minimizing inconvenience and costs for SDPs, learners, and employers. The review process will be managed with sensitivity and urgency to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements, and we emphasize that all parties will collaborate to avoid unnecessary disruptions.

Thank you for your continued commitment to providing high-quality training that meets industry standards. We look forward to working with you throughout this review process.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact us at champag@hwseta.org.za

Sincere regards,



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