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To: DDG Immigration Services

Re: Confirmation of qualifications and registration against the trades and engineering occupations

The merSETA office has since June 2014, been receiving requests from foreigners requiring visas on the following, as per gazette No. 37716 from the Department of Home Affairs:

- Confirmation in writing from the accredited professional body, council or board recognised by SAQA or any relevant government Department confirming the skills or qualifications of the applicant and appropriate post qualification experience.
- Proof of application for certificates of registration with the accredited professional body, council or board recognized by SAQA.
- Proof of evaluation of the foreign qualification by SAQA translated by a sworn translator into one of the official languages.

The merSETA is established as a public entity in terms of the Skills Development Act. The merSETA is responsible for the facilitation of skills development in its Sector. merSETA quality assures delivery of National Qualification Framework (NQF) registered qualifications and not for any foreign qualifications.

None of the requirements quoted from the gazette is within the mandate or responsibility of the merSETA. merSETA is therefore not able to render any of the above mentioned services.

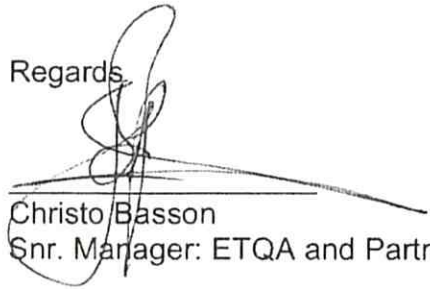
Proof of evaluation of foreign qualifications is done by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).

The Skills Development Act in Section 26(C) however requires that all practicing artisans be registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training: National Artisan Development Support Center (NADSC). There is currently no other body responsible for the registration of other engineering occupations.



Should the Department be of a different view, please feel free to enter into correspondence with the merSETA on the matter.

Regards,



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To: Whom it may concern

Re: Registration of Qualified Artisans with the Department of Higher Education and Training

The Skills Development Act in Section 26 C requires that all artisans be registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training and the Director General must maintain a register of artisans. In view of the aforesaid the Minister may make Regulations concerning the criteria and procedure for registration.

The National Artisan Moderation Body hereby which to inform you that Section 26 C of the Skills Development Act has not been implemented yet pending the finalisation of criteria, processes and Regulations by the Department of Higher Education and Training.


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