

To: CEO's of CHE, SAQA and Director General Dept. of Higher Education

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RE: National Policy and Criteria for the Implementation of Recognition of Prior Learning (as amended in 2018)

1) Introduction:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on above mentioned draft. I have been an active participant during the past decade in SAQA's RPL policy development, articulation and formulation. I was (and still am) in the fortunate position of playing a leadership role in the worlds of both Higher Education Training (qualifications) as well as Professional Career Outcomes (designations) development. While understanding and promoting the importance of RPL on all 10 NQF-levels, it was and is my passion to focus on RPL for NQF 8, 9 & 10. I can honestly say that I implemented all available RPL policies related to Qualifications since 2003 and RPL policies related to Designations since 2014 in my field of expertise. This wouldn't be possible without SAQA taking the lead in the international world both in NQF and RPL articulation and formulation. This wouldn't be possible without the leadership team of Mr Joe Samuels, Dr Heidi Bolton and Dr James Keevy.

2) Comments: After an in-depth critical evaluation of the above-mentioned draft I am fully convinced that it reflected SAQA's RPL Policy in the most practical and efficient way for implementation on all NQF levels as well as by all Professional Bodies.

3) Commitment of Implementation and National- & International Advocacy:

- a. The Academy of Sexology International (H.K.) and the Academy for Sexology (South Africa – currently just a research institution) will continue to implement the South African NQF and RPL policies and will follow the 2018 amendments. We have a good working relationship with most South African Universities and we have never experienced any RPL negativity – rather ignorance. We'll gladly assist them where possible.
- b. The Council for Sexual Health Professions NPC (South Africa) will continue to implement the RPL policies and will follow the 2018 amendments. RPL is already a core element of our Constitution. Due to the World Health Organization's Policy on Sexual Health (2000) we have a good working relationship with the HPCSA and the SACSSP regarding mutual RPL and CPD recognition.
- c. We have a significant peer professional database world-wide via Linked-In and we'll promote the implementation of RPL on all of our international forums with South Africa and SAQA as proud world leaders on NQF and RPL.

Well done and thank you. SAQA you made South Africa proud.

Kind regards

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