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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACT, 1998 (Act No. 98 of 1998)

THE END OF THE TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT PERIOD RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF PRIVATE FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

- I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, Minister of Education, hereby give notice in terms of section 51 of the Further Education and Training Act, 1998 (Act No.98 of 1998) (hereafter referred to as the Act) read together with Regulation 32(2) of the Regulations for the Registration of Private Further Education and Training Institutions, 2003 that:
- 1. With effect from 1 January 2008, no person other than a public further education and training institution or an organ of state shall be allowed to provide further education and training qualifications unless such a person is registered or provisionally registered as a private further education and training institution in terms of the Act. Any person who contravenes this notice is, in terms of section 44 of the Act, guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine or imprisonment not exceeding five years or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- 2. With effect from 1 January 2008, no private institution shall be allowed to offer further education and training qualifications that are not aligned with or registered on the NQF. Accordingly, as from 1 January 2008, no new students shall be enrolled into such qualifications.
- 3. All further education and training qualifications awarded to students by private institutions during the transitional arrangement period until 31 December 2007 shall be recognised as valid qualifications for purposes of vertical and horizontal articulation, as well as employment.
- 4. This notice does not apply to the following categories of institutions:
 - a) Independent schools that provide further education and training, as such school are registered in terms of the South African Schools Act with the Provincial Departments of Education.
 - b) Private institutions that exclusively offer short skills programmes, as it is not necessary for them to register.

Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, MP

Minister of Education

Date: 29-05-2006