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NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK ACT (ACT NO. 67 of 2008)

SECOND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FROM ORGANISED LABOUR FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY (SAQA) BOARD

The term of office of the current board of the South African Qualifications Authority ends on 18 November 2010. This is a second call for nominations from organised labour for membership of the SAQA Board. Since the nominations received from organised labour in response to the first call are not sufficiently representative it is necessary to invite a second round of nominations from this constituency.

The Minister must appoint 12 board members in their personal capacities. At least two of the 12 members must be appointed from nominations made by organised labour.

Section 14 of the NQF Act provides that membership of the SAQA board must:

- Be broadly representative of the education and training sectors and related interests;
- Have thorough knowledge and understanding of education and training;
- Appreciate the role of education and training in the reconstruction and transformation of the South African economy and society;
- Have known and attested commitment to the interests of education and training;
- Have knowledge and understanding of qualifications matters and quality assurance in education and training; and
- Be competent to undertake the governance and oversee the financial affairs of SAQA.

The Minister must give due attention to the representivity of the Board in terms of such factors as race, gender and disability.

The chief executive officer of SAQA and the chief executive officers of the Quality Councils for higher education, general and further education and training, and trades and occupations respectively are also members of the SAQA board by virtue of their offices.

The members of the SAQA Board are expected to ensure that SAQA's functions are performed according to the highest professional standards. The functions of SAQA are set out in detail at section 13 of the National Qualifications Framework Act, 2008. SAQA is supported by its own professional secretariat, headed by the Executive Officer, and controls its own operating budget.

All nominations received before the previous deadline (31 July 2009) have been retained and will be considered along with new nominations submitted in response to this Notice. No one need be nominated a second time.

Now, therefore I, Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, MP, Minister of Higher Education and Training, hereby invite organised labour formations to submit to me, **not later than one month after the date of publication of this Notice**, the names of persons who by virtue of their knowledge and experience may be considered for appointment as members of the SAQA board.

Nominations, accompanied by the *curriculum vitae* of the nominee and *a letter of consent indicating availability of the nominee* to serve on the SAQA board if selected, should be forwarded to:

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