**Synthesis of recommendations and development of improvement objectives**

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| **Improvement Objective 1** | **Sections of the NQF Act will be amended to (i) reflect a new set of objectives for the NQF; and (ii) the DHET will provide Standards and Guides to SAQA and the Quality Councils (QCs) in order to improve the quality and alignment of policies and guidelines produced in the NQF system.**  |

# B Institutional arrangements, coordination and integration

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| **Improvement Objective 2** | **The NQF Act should be amended to clarify roles and responsibilities and reporting and accountability lines of the DHET, SAQA and the three QCs.**  |

# C Programmes, Accreditation and Qualifications

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| **Improvement Objective 3** | **The determination of the three sub-frameworks, is reviewed with a view (i) determine the TVET and CET qualifications landscapes (drawing from the PSET Plan); (ii) aligning the determination with the WPPSET statements regarding Articulation; RPL, and scope and range of the QA mandates of the QCs; and (iv) implementation of the NASCA.**  |

# D Monitoring and Evaluation

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| **Improvement Objective 4** | **An efficient M&E framework is established, accompanied by the development of (i) a detailed agreed 5-year implementation plan; (ii) clear criteria for efficient and effective M&E, and feedback and communication loops.** |

# E Human Resource and Capacity Development

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| **Improvement****Objective 5** | **The NQF Act review and amendment includes clearer role and function definitions, which are informed by an organisational design and work flow study, with a view to remove inefficiencies and duplication of roles and functions in the system.**  |

# F Financing and Funding

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| **Improvement****Objective 6** | **The funding framework for the NQF system (including standard setting, registration, quality assurance, M&E) is reviewed and amended, after the development and publication of a costed implementation plan, and informed by the organisational and workflow study.** |

**Annex B: IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND QUARTERLY REPORTING TEMPLATE**

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# Improvement Plan for NQF Evaluation of the Implementation of the NQF Act from 2008 to 2015/6 Conference/NIPECD Review

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| **Improvement Objective 1** | **Sections of the NQF Act will be amended to (i) reflect a new set of objectives for the NQF; and (ii) the DHET will provide Standards, Tools and Guides to SAQA and the Quality Councils (QCs) in order to improve the quality and alignment of policies and guidelines produced in the NQF system.**  |

| **Outputs to achieve the objective** | **Priority** **L/M/H** | **Activity to achieve output**  | **Person/institution responsible**  | **By when? (Deadline)** | **Target** | **Embedded where**  | **Budget available** | **Current situation/ Progress Report**  |
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| 1. The NQF Act, (No. 67 of 2008) will be amended to reflect a new set of objectives for the NQF and the DHET will provide Standards, Tools and guides to SAQA and the QCs to improve the quality and alignment of policies and guidelines produced in the NQF system.  | H | 1.1.1 Section 5 (1) (a) to (d) and (2) are amended to reflect a new set of objectives for the NQF.  | DG of DHET (after consultation with the DG of DBE, SAQA and the three QCs) | 31 December 2019 | The Amendment to the NQF Act, is approved by the Minister by 31 December 2019 | APP of DHET | No; needs to be funded | Current NQF Act and NQF objectives exist.  |
| 1.1.2 DHET provides Standards, Tools and Guides to SAQA and the QCs to improve the quality and alignment of policies and guidelines produced in the NQF system. | **DHET** | December 2018. | Standards, Tools and Guides are provided to SAQA and the three QCs by 31 August 2019.  | APP of DHET | Must be provided | Draft DHET guides and standards and tools exist. |

| **Outputs to achieve the objective** | **Priority** **L/M/H** | **Activity to achieve output**  | **Person/institution responsible**  | **By when? (Deadline)** | **Target** | **Embedded where**  | **Budget available** | **Current situation/ Progress Report**  |
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| **R1.1** - Concept Paper with nested Theory of Change (TOC) developed for SAQA and the QCs to clarify: (a) How NQF goals will contribute to the system for education, training, development and work; and (b) How specific NQF objectives will be achieved. | H | Draft ToC concept paper developed | SAQA  | 31 October 2018 |  | SAQA Improvement Plan | n/a | First draft ToC concept paper under development in the Research Directorate. |
| Draft ToC concept paper revised | SAQA with inputs from the QCs, DHET, DBE, DPME)  | 14 December 2018 | (a) At least two SAQA-QC-DHET, DBE, DPME meetings to further develop the ToC concept paper(b) SAQA and QC approval of the ToC concept paper by 15 February 2019(c) SAQA Board approval of the ToC concept paper by 20 March 2019 | SAQA Improvement Plan | n/a | SAQA-approved ToC concept paper. |
| **R4** - SAQA, after consultation strengthens the System of Collaboration: R4.1 - Roles and responsibilities specified in the NQF Act to strengthen the System of Collaboration. | H | Review section 2(f) and 3(c) of the NQF Act to give greater impetus to the System of Collaboration | DHET in consultation with SAQA and the QCs | The Amendment to the NQF Act, is approved by the Minister by 31 December 2019 | Recommended changes are proposed to the Minister by 30 November 2019 | APP of DHET |  | With a strengthening of the Act, greater impetus will be given to the System of Collaboration. |
|  |  | Review the System of Collaboration  | SAQA/CEO Committee | 28 February 2019 | Amendments to the NQF Act are taken into account when review of the System of Collaboration is done | Tracking Grid of CEO Committee | No budget available |  |
| **R4.2** - Dedicated channel created for CEO Committee to engage DHET and DBE on policy issues | H | Amend System of Collaboration, and in particular the Terms of Reference of the CEO Committee | SAQA/CEO Committee | 28 February 2019 | Amendments to the NQF Act are taken into account when review of the System of Collaboration is done | Tracking Grid of CEO Committee | No budget available | The CEO Committee does not engage as a body with stakeholders, with the exception of the NQF Forum. The TOR will need to change for the CEO Committee to become a body that engages on policy issues. Currently, SAQA and each of the QCs engage separately with DHET and DBE on policy issues. |
| **R4.3** - NQF Forum revived and functioning effectively  | H | Meet with The M: HET and DG: DHET to secure a date for next NQF Forum meeting.Recommend that the NQF Forum dates are secured a year in advance to ensure that all the required stakeholders are invited timeouslyWork with the NQF INDSC to draft the agenda for the meeting | SAQA (on behalf of the CEO Committee) | 30 May 2018 | The date of the next NQF Forum should be confirmed by 30 June 2018 | CEO Committee Minutes and Action List | DHET budget for meeting | The NQF Forum has not met since 2014. There is an urgent need to revive this forum so that high level strategic discussions can be held with key decision makers. |
| **R4.4**- Establish monitoring mechanisms and report on the functioning of the System of Collaboration | M | Use DHET’s Guidelines on M&E to establish a monitoring and evaluation protocol for the System of Collaboration | SAQA (on behalf of the CEO Committee) | 31 Dec 2019 | The new M&E protocol is ready for implementation in the next financial year | SAQA’s 2019/20 APP | Funding is required | Current reporting on the System of Collaboration takes place annually. The report is compiled by SAQA based on discussions at CEO Committee meetings, the Tracking Grid which is updated by SAQA and the QCs quarterly, and reports provided by Task Teams set up by the CEO Committee. |

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| **Improvement Objective 2** | **The NQF Act should be amended to clarify roles and responsibilities and reporting and accountability lines of the DHET, SAQA , the DBE and the three QCs.**  |

| **Outputs to achieve the objective** | **Priority** **L/M/H** | **Activity to achieve output**  | **Person/institution responsible**  | **By when? (Deadline)** | **Target** | **Embedded where**  | **Budget available** | **Current situation/ Progress Report**  |
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| 2. Roles and functions for differentiated services, provisioning and funding for the NQF System i.e. for DHET NQF Unit, SAQA, the DBE and the QCs reviewed and new roles and functions developed | H | 1.2.1 Section 8 must be reviewed to accommodate the establishment of the NQF Directorate/chief directrate in the Department.  | **DHET,**  | 31 March 2019 | New roles, functions for differentiated services provisioning and funding for NQF, to be concluded by 31 March 2019 | Dir/CD | Include in current budget, with a view to additional budget | Current Concept document from NQF Directorate and the Research report exist. |
| 1.2.2 Sections 10, 11, 12, 13 of the Act must be amended to allow for clarity around SAQA’s roles and functions as the Apex body.  | **DHET, after consultation with SAQA Board** | 31 December 2019 | Roles and functions of SAQA as the apex body are clarified through the amendment to the NQF Act.  | APP DHET | Include in current budget |  |
| 1.2.3 The NQF Act must be amended to include the roles and responsibilities of the DBE as they relate to the NQF. | **DHET, DBE & Umalusi** | 31 December 2019 | Roles and functions of DBE & Umalusi are clarified in the general and further education and training space. | APP DHET; APP DBE; APP Umalusi | No, must be sourced | No progress to date. |
| 3. Amendment of NQF Act and related legislation  | H | 1.2.3 Section 19 must be reviewed to ensure that the appointment of CEOs of the QCs align to the appointment of the CEO of SAQA. s 24 to 27 (a) to Phase 1 - Review of NQF Act ( 2008, as amended) | **DHET,** (after consultation with DBE, SAQA, QCs) | 31 December 2019 | Appointment of CEOs of QCs are aligned to the process to appoint the SAQA CEO, through an amendment to the NQF Act. |  APP DHET  | New budget item | NQF Act exists. |
| 1.2.4. Section 28 must be amended to clarify the role of the NQF Act, as the overarching Act, in terms of professional bodies’ roles and responsibilities for standard setting and quality assurance. | **DHET**, after consultation with SAQA | 31 December 2019 | The overarching preferential role of the NQF Act over other legislation governing Professional bodies’ roles in standard setting and quality assurance is clarified through the amendment of the NQF ACT.  |  APP DHET,  | New budget item | Current Acts exist.  |

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| **Improvement Objective 3** | **The determination of the three sub-frameworks, is reviewed with a view to (i) align the NPPSET with the NQF Evaluation research report findings and recommendations where relevant, and the NQF Act; and (ii) implementation of the NASCA and GETC, and (iii) transfer of N1-N3 qualifications from Umalusi to QCTO.** |

| **Outputs to achieve the objective** | **Priority** **L/M/H** | **Activity to achieve output**  | **Person/institution responsible**  | **By when? (Deadline)** | **Target** | **Embedded where**  | **Budget available** | **Current situation/ Progress Report**  |
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| 3.1 Alignment between NQF Evaluation research report recommendations and PSET Plan recommendations happens | H | 3.1.1 Alignment meeting/workshop is held to align elements of the NPPSET with the NQF Evaluation report where necessary.  | **DHET, DBE,** SAQA, QCs, NSA, HRD | 31 August 2018 | Align the recommendations of the NPPSET with the NQF Research report recommendations where necessary  |  APP DHET,  | Include in current budget,  | Current final NQF report exists; draft PSET Plan exists.  |
| 3.1.2 Develop recommendations to inform the determination and the three sub-frameworks amendments, and eventual Amendments to the relevant Acts. | **DHET, after consultation with DBE, SAQA, QCs, NSA** | 31 August 2018 | Develop a report with recommendations to inform the amendment to the determination of the Sub-frameworks and the sub-frameworks. ,  | APP DHETQC’s | Include in current budget | Current Determination and Sub-framework documents exist.OQSF currently being reviewed. |
| 3.1.3 Minister is advised by SAQA, after consultation with the QCs about the new Determination and the amended Sub-frameworks, for publication in the Gazette. | **SAQA,**  | September 2018 | SAQA develops and submits advice to the Minister on the Determination of the SFWs and the Sub-FWS.  | APP DHET, SAQA, QCs  | New budget | Current Determination and Sub-framework documents exist.OQSF currently being reviewed. |
| 3.2 Amended Determination and Sub-frameworks are published.  | H | 3.2.1 Minister publishes draft amended Determination and Sub-frameworks for public comment. | **DHET,** DBE, SAQA, QCs, NSA, HRD | October 2018 | Amended Determination and Sub-frameworks published for public comment.  |  APP DHET, SAQA, QCs. | New budget | Current Determination and Sub-framework documents exist. |
| 3.2.2 Final determination and Sub-frameworks published (include new TVET and CET qualification landscape)  | **DHET**, DBE, SAQA. QCs, NSA, HRD | March 2019 | Amended determination and SFWs published by end March 2019 |  APP DHET, DBE, SAQA, QCs, NSA | New budget | Current Acts exist; HRD strategy exists; NDP exists, draft NSDP exists. |
| 3.3 Phasing in of NASCA is approved  | H | 3.3.1 Treasury is approached for funds for NASCA and GETC to be implemented | **DHET, after consultation with the DBE and Umalusi** | August 2018. | Funds for implementation of NASCA approved by Treasury by September 2018. | APP DHET, DBE, Umalusi, | New Budget | NASCA exists and is registered on NQF. |
|  |  | 3.3.3 Minister’s policy/ies is/are amended to accommodate NASCA as a NQF level 4 qualification | **DHET, after consultation with DBE, Umalusi, CHE, QCTO**  | April 2019 | Ministers’ Policies are amended to include NASCA as a NQF level 4 qualification. | APP DHET, DBE, Umalusi | New Budget | NASCA exists and is registered on NQF. |
|  |  | 3.3.4 NASCA implemented  | **DHET, DBE, Umalusi** | January 2020 | The NASCA is implemented in CET Colleges in January 2020 | APP DBE, DHET, Umalusi | New Budget | NASCA exists and is registered on NQF. |
| 3.4  | H | 3.4.1 Historically registered qualifications deactivated, replaced, realigned or extended. | **QCTO, SAQA** | December 2018 | All Historically registered qualifications either deactivated, replaced, realigned or extended. | OQSF | New budget | Project underway together with SAQA, SETA’s and Professional Bodies. |
| 3.5 N1-N3 qualifications transferred from Umalusi to QCTO | M | 3.4.1 N1-N3 qualifications are included in QCTO budget, sub-framework, and staff are in place to take on this role | **QCTO; Umalusi** | January 2020 | All discussions and agreements to be in place by end of 2019 | APP of QCTO & Umalusi | New Budget | Initial discussions on this matter have taken place, but no plans are yet crystallised. |

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| **R3** - Advice to the Minister clarifying different categories of qualifications in the occupational/ vocational space | H | Extract conceptualisations of Occupational vs Vocational qualifications from SAQA’s Chairperson’s Lecture paper | SAQA  | 31 July 2018 | Document on different types of qualifications clarified and defined | APP of SAQA (Simplifying the NQF) | n/a | At planning stage. |
| SAQA-led QC discussion to clarify concepts of General, Academic, Technical qualifications  | SAQA  | 28 February 2019  | Discussion and clarification reGeneral, Academic, Technical qualifications  | APP of SAQA (Simplifying the NQF) | n/a | At planning stage. |
| SAQA-led QC discussion to clarify quality assurance linked to each type of qualification + criteria that determine which NQF Sub-Framework each qualification type is assigned to | SAQA |  31 October 2019 | Discussion and clarification reQA and Sub-Framework | APP of SAQA (Simplifying the NQF) | n/a | At planning stage. |
| SAQA-led SAQA-QC discussion to clarify changes required to QC legislation to accommodate different qualification types | SAQA | 31 October 2019 | Discussion and clarification relegislation | APP of SAQA (Simplifying the NQF) | n/a | At planning stage. |
| Develop advice for the Minister | SAQA | 28 February 2020 | Advice finalised and submitted to the Minister | APP of SAQA (Simplifying the NQF) | n/a | At planning stage. |
| **R19** - Provide advice to the Minister about the transfer of the quality assurance of N1-N3 qualifications | H | SAQA will coordinate meetings between the QCTO and Umalusi to draft a proposal on the transfer of the quality assurance of N1-N3 qualifications to the QCTO | SAQA, QCTO and Umalusi | 31 March 2019 | Develop project plan on the transitional transfer arrangements  | APP and OPs Plan | None | Umalusi is quality assuring the N1-N3 qualifications. |

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| **Recommendation 9.1****Improvement Objective 3a** | The CHE mustreview its programme accreditation processes to determine whether there are steps where efficiency improvements are required. To improve the turnaround times for accreditation in order to eliminate backlogs |

| **Outputs to achieve the objective** | **Priority** **L/M/H** | **Activity to achieve output**  | **Person/institution responsible**  | **By when? (Deadline)** | **Target** | **Embedded where**  | **Budget available** | **Current situation/ Progress Report**  |
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| 3a. Accreditation of programmes within reasonable timeframes  | H | 3.1.1 Revise the Accreditation Framework | CHE | 31 January 2019 | Identify areas of revision and undertake the necessary revisions of the Accreditation Framework by 31 January 2019 | APP of the CHE | Yes | Completed |
| 3.1.2 Consult stakeholders to obtain buy-in | **CHE** | 31 March 2019 | Hold consultative workshops with key stakeholder groups by 31 March 2019 Develop new workflow processes by 30 September 2018Revised Framework and new workflow processes to be piloted by 31 December 2018Fine-tuning of the Accreditation Framework and new workflow processes to be completed by 31 March 2019Full scale implementation of the revised Framework and new workflow processes to commence by 1 April 2019 | APP of the CHE | Yes | Stakeholder consultation workshops have been completed. |
| 3.1.3 Develop new workflow processes | **CHE** | 30 September 2018 | APP of the CHE | Application for funds has been submitted to DHET/NSF |  |
| 3.1.4 Pilot the revised Accreditation Framework and the new workflow process  | **CHE** | 31 December 2018 | APP of the CHE | Application for funds has been submitted to DHET/NSF  |  |
| 3.1.5 Undertake final adjustments prior to full scale implementation | **CHE** | 31 March 2019 | APP of the CHE | Application for funds has been submitted to DHET/NSF |  |
| 3.1.6 Commencement of full scale implementation | **CHE** | 1 April 2019 | APP of the CHE | Application for funds has been submitted to DHET/NSF |  |

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| **Improvement Objective 4** | **An efficient M&E framework and Policy Development Guideline are established, accompanied by the development of (i) a detailed agreed 5-year implementation plan; (ii) clear criteria for efficient and effective M&E, and feedback and communication loops.** |

| **Outputs to achieve the objective** | **Priority** **L/M/H** | **Activity to achieve output**  | **Person/institution responsible**  | **By when? (Deadline)** | **Target** | **Embedded where**  | **Budget available** | **Current situation/ Progress Report**  |
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| 4.1 An efficient and effective M&E framework and Policy development Guideline are developed  | H | 4.1.1 DHET provides Standards, Tools and guides to SAQA and the QCs for the M&E framework and Policy Development Guideline  | **DHET,**  | December 2018 | Workshops are held to present the Standards, tools and Guidelines for the M&E framework and the Policy development guideline to SAQA, and QCs. |  APP DHET,  | New budget | Current draft M&E framework and policy development Guidelines exist. |
| 4.1.2 Amend M&E framework and develop final version for publication in the Gazette. | **DHET** | 31 March 2019 | Final version of M&E framework is published in the Gazette  | APP DHET | New budget | Current draft M&E framework and Policy development guideline documents exist.  |
| 4.2 Quality councils should examine more cost-effective risk based approaches to quality assurance | L | 4.2.1 Quality councils should assess their current quality assurance processes to determine if any cost-efficiencies can be realised | **QCs** | December 2019 | Report on ways to optimise quality assurance costs is developed | APP QCs | No, must be sourced | All QCs have quality assurance frameworks in place. |

| **Outputs to achieve the objective** | **Priority** **L/M/H** | **Activity to achieve output**  | **Person/institution responsible**  | **By when? (Deadline)** | **Target** | **Embedded where**  | **Budget available** | **Current situation/ Progress Report**  |
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| **R6** - Analyses and reporting on trends in data relating to key policy initiatives, in terms of the indicators and performance metrics  | M | SAQA develops the concept for analyses and reporting on trends in data relating to key policy initiatives and seeks guidance from the NQF Forum or other high-level entity regarding the indicators and performance metrics. | SAQA’s NLRD, with support from SAQA’s EO + NQF Forum or other high-level entity | 28 February 2019 | Short concept paper for analyses and reporting on trends in data relating to key policy initiatives | SAQA’s APP (NLRD) | N/A | At planning stage. |
| SAQA conducts the analyses on trends in data relating to key policy initiatives. | SAQA’s NLRD, with support from SAQA’s EO | 31 December 2019 | NLRD trends analyses relating to key policy initiatives | SAQA’s APP (NLRD) | N/A | At planning stage. |
| SAQA reports on the analyses on trends in data relating to key policy initiatives. | SAQA’s NLRD Directorate | 28 February 2020 | NLRD trends reporting on analyses relating to key policy initiatives | SAQA’s APP (NLRD) | N/A | At planning stage. |

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| **Improvement Objective 5** | **The NQF Act is amended to clarify roles and responsibilities and reporting and accountability lines of SAQA and the three QCs to DHET.** |

| **Outputs to achieve the objective** | **Priority** **L/M/H** | **Activity to achieve output**  | **Person/institution responsible**  | **By when? (Deadline)** | **Target** | **Embedded where**  | **Budget available** | **Current situation/ Progress Report**  |
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| 5.  | H | 5.1.1 Sections 10, 11, 12, 13 and 27, of the Act must be amended to allow for clarity around SAQA’s roles and functions as the Apex body, and the roles, functions and reporting lines of the QCs.  | **DHET, after consultation with SAQA Board** | 31 December 2019 | Roles and functions of SAQA as the apex body, and the QCs are clarified through the amendment to the NQF Act.  | APP DHET | Include in current budget |  |
| 5.1.2 Section 19 must be reviewed to ensure that the appointment of CEOs of the QCs align to the appointment of the CEO of SAQA. s 24 to 27 (a) to Phase 1 - Review of NQF Act ( 2008, as amended) | **DHET,** (after consultation with DBE, SAQA, QCs) | 31 December 2019 | Appointment of CEOs of QCs are aligned to the process to appoint the SAQA CEO, through an amendment to the NQF Act. |  APP DHET  | New budget item | NQF Act exists. |
| 5.1.3. Section 28 must be amended to clarify the role of the NQF Act, as the overarching Act, in terms of professional bodies’ roles and responsibilities for standard setting and quality assurance. | **DHET**, after consultation with SAQA | 31 December 2019 | The overarching preferential role of the NQF Act over other legislation governing Professional bodies’ roles in standard setting and quality assurance is clarified through the amendment of the NQF ACT.  |  APP DHET,  | New budget item | Current Acts exist.  |

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| **R9.4 and R13** - Advice to Minister re addressing duplication between CHE and statutory professional body in the accreditation of qualifications | H | Do an analysis of functions of CHE and professional bodies regarding the accreditation of qualifications to clarify the roles and function of the entities concerned  | SAQA  | 14 December 2018 | Analysis report  | APP of SAQA (Simplifying the NQF) | n/a | At planning stage. |
| Present analysis report at CEO Committee and other relevant structures  | SAQA  | 31 October 2019 |  | APP of SAQA (Simplifying the NQF) | n/a | At planning stage |
| Develop advice to the MHET  | SAQA  | 28 February 2020 | Advice submitted to the M: HET | APP of SAQA (Simplifying the NQF) | n/a | At planning stage. |
| **R13** – Provide clarity on areas of actual and perceived duplication in the accreditation and registration processes and advise the M: HET accordingly. | H | Coordinate a meeting with the CHE to eliminate perceived understanding of the duplication of accreditation and registration processes | SAQA, CHE | 30 September 2018 | To identify areas of duplication for CHE’s accreditation processes and SAQA’s processes for the registration of qualifications and part-qualifications. | APP, OPs Plan | None | Meeting held between the CHE, DHET and SAQA on 5 March 2018. |
| Establish a task team to develop one template/form (replace the “SAQA Form”) that the CHE will use to record information that adheres to its accreditation criteria and SAQA’s criteria for the registrations of qualification on the NQF.  | SAQA, CHE | 31 March 2019 | To develop a single template for CHE’s accreditation processes and SAQA’s registration of qualifications and part-qualifications. | APP, OPs Plan | None | SAQA has provided the CHE with all its information requirements on 6 March 2018. |
| **R 9.4** - Quality Councils must respond to the concerns around the looming deadlines on last dates for new enrolments for qualifications that have not been aligned to the HEQSF and OQSF | H | Develop and circulate a list of all registered qualifications on the NQF to the relevant QCs who in turn must inform SAQA of qualifications on their sub-frameworks and registration date that will be extended.  | SAQA, CHE, QCTO | 31 March 2019 | To determine the extension dates for non-aligned qualifications where there is still learner uptake.  | APP, Ops Plan | None | A list of all registered qualifications on the NQF has been sent to the QCs to indicate re-registration timelines. |
| **R14** - Guidelines issued on registration of part-qualifications in line with policy and criteria requirements | H | Develop a concept document to guide the registration of part-qualifications as per the Policy and Criteria on registration of qualifications and part-qualifications on the NQF | SAQA | 31 May 2019 | To develop a concept document | APP and OPs Plans | N/A | SAQA has identified this activity as a priority. |
| H | Establish a Task Team of SAQA and QCs to engage and finalise the concept document and Action Plan | SAQA, QCs | 31 July 2019 | The concept document and Action Plan approved for implementation | APP and OPs Plans | N/A |  |
| H | Task team develops after considering stakeholder input  | SAQA, QC | 30 Nov 2019 | Draft guidelines developed and consultations held | APP and OPs Plans | N/A |  |
| H | SAQA and QC approval structures approve guidelines  | SAQA, QCs | 28 Feb 2019 | Approved guidelines | APP and OPs Plans | N/A |  |
| H | Guidelines published | SAQA | 31 March 2019 | Guidelines published  | APP and OPs Plans | N/A |  |

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| **R12** - Establish an NQF-wide workflow system to track and monitor the status of qualifications and part-qualifications submitted to the QCs for accreditation and to SAQA for registration on the NQF | H | Develop a concept paper on a NQF-wide workflow system to track and monitor the status of qualifications and part-qualifications submitted to the QCs for accreditation and to SAQA for registration on the NQF | SAQA | 31 March 2019 |  | APP and OPs Plan |  |  |
| Establish a project team (CEO Committee representation) | SAQA, QCs, DHET | 30 September 2018 | Project team established | Ops Plan | None |  |
| Develop a plan and costing model to secure funding for the MIS project  | SAQA, QCs, DHET | 31 March 2019 | Procurement plans approved and budgets allocated | Ops Plans | System Development Cost | This MIS Project is entirely dependent on funds becoming available for development and implementation. |
| Develop and implement the MIS tracking system for qualifications and part-qualifications submitted to the QCs for accreditation and to SAQA for registration on the NQF | SAQA | 31 March 2020 |  | OPS Plans | Subject to budget availability |  |

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| **Improvement Objective 6** | **The funding framework for the NQF system (including standard setting, registration, quality assurance, M&E) is reviewed and amended, which informs the amendment to the NQF Act.** |

| **Outputs to achieve the objective** | **Priority** **L/M/H** | **Activity to achieve output**  | **Person/institution responsible**  | **By when? (Deadline)** | **Target** | **Embedded where**  | **Budget available** | **Current situation/ Progress Report**  |
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| 6. The NQF Act is amended to accommodate the funding of the SAQA and the QCs  | H | 6.1.1 Section 8(2)(d) of the NQF Act is amended to provide for the funding from money appropriated from the Fiscus, of SAQA and the three QCs to be aligned, based on a 5 year costed implementation plan, informed by the redefined roles and responsibilities.  | **DHET, after consultation with DBE**, SAQA, QCs, Treasury  | December 2019. | The NQF Act is amended and is informed by a 5 Year costed implementation plan is developed and published. |  APP DHET, DBE, SAQA, QCs | New  | Current budgets existQCTO Business Case for a revised funding framework submitted to DHET. Approval pending outcome of finalisation of NSDP. |
| 6.1.2 Submit new NQF system funding framework to Treasury, Cabinet and Parliament  | **DHET** | 28 February 2019 | New NQF system funding framework is approved by Treasury, Cabinet, and Parliament | APP DHET | New | Current budgets exist.QCTO Business Case for a revised funding framework submitted to DHET. Approval pending outcome of finalisation of NSDP. |
| 6.1.3 New NQF system funding framework and budgets approved, published for implementation in 2019/2020. | **DHET, D**BE, SAQA and QCs, Treasury | 31 March 2019 | New NQF System funding frameworks and budgets approved and published. | APP DHET, DBE, SAQA, QCs  | New | Current budgets exist. |
| 6.1.4 Depending on Funding framework, the QCTO quality assurance role vis a vis SETAs clarified and approved  | **QCTO,** DHET | 31 March 2019 | QCTO quality assurance role vis a vis SETAs clarified and approved. QCTO QA model agreed upon. | APP QCTO | New | QCTO plan “Vision 2020” which outlines the strategy for revoking QA functions delegated to SETAs submitted to Minister and DHET. |