

In addition to the monitoring and auditing of ETQAs, SAQA has conducted two rounds of 'targeted monitoring', investigating the quality of delivery of qualifications and unit standards in areas of particular concern, including the unit standards offered in terms of the new firearm legislation. Any specific concerns or complaints regarding the functioning of ETQAs or the delivery of providers were also duly investigated and acted upon.

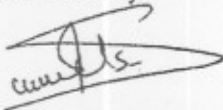
On 31 March 2009, the National Learners' Records Database (NLRD) showed that a total of 6,836 providers were accredited to offer 7,376 qualifications and a total of 5,030 providers were accredited to offer 4,582 unit standards. The NLRD further shows that a total of 213 providers of education and training, have been de-accredited by ETQAs, since 2002 to date, for reasons of non-compliance/performance.

Of the providers de-accredited by ETQAs, a total of 12 providers have appealed to SAQA in terms of the process outlined in the ETQA Regulations. SAQA considered each case carefully and on merit, and upheld all 12 appeals, resulting in their deaccreditation.

In addition to the above quality assurance work, SAQA has, together with its key partners, developed a comprehensive advocacy strategy to inform the public about the NQF and the need to ensure that they make use of accredited providers of education and training. SAQA's website as well as that of the Departments of Education and the various ETQAs also contains lists of accredited providers, enabling learners in making informed choices about their education and training.

I trust that you will find the above information useful.

Yours faithfully



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"To ensure the development and implementation of a National Qualifications Framework which contributes to the full development of each learner and to the social and economic development of the nation at large"