

18/10/2017

To all: Stakeholders, Employers, Trade test centres and training Providers

Dear Sir/ Madam

RE: PROGRESSIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ARTISAN RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING TOOLKIT MODEL FOR FIVE TRADES

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) has issued a publication on Criteria and Guidelines for Artisan Recognition of Prior Learning (ARPL) whereby a new model using toolkits is prescribed. Following this publication the Department of Higher Education has issued a letter to progressively implement the model with effect from the 19th October 2017 for the following trades:

1. Boilermaker
2. Diesel Mechanic
3. Fitter
4. Motor Mechanic
5. Welder


The Artisan Recognition of Prior Learning (ARPL) applicants are therefore expected to apply for trade test directly at the QCTO/SETA accredited Trade test Centres for the above mentioned trades. The DHET has conducted capacity of Trade test centers to enable them to deal with application and evaluation using the model.

The AgriSETA will with effect from the 19th October 2017 no longer accepting the Artisan Recognition of Prior Learning (ARPL) trade tests applications for the above mentioned trades, though the applications received before the 18th October 2017 will be evaluated using old process of Service letters to prove work experience.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr. MGF. Mamabolo - Senior Manager Skills Delivery



Mr. FJ Fouché - Interim CEO AgriSETA



higher education & training

Department:
Higher Education and Training
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Private Bag X174, PRETORIA, 0001, 123 Schoeman Street, PRETORIA, 0002, South Africa
Tel: (012) 312 5911, Fax: (012) 321 6770
Private Bag X9192, CAPE TOWN, 8000, 103 Plein Street, CAPE TOWN, 8001, South Africa
Tel: (021) 469 5175, Fax: (021) 461 4761

Enquiries: DK Mabusela
Tel: 011 206 1002
E-mail: mabusela.d@dhet.gov.za

To: All Accredited Trade Test Centres
All Sector Education and Training Authorities
Cc: The Quality Council for Trades and Occupations
The National Artisan Moderation Body

RE: PROGRESSIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTISAN RELATED RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

Subsequent to the publication of the Criteria and Guidelines for Artisan Recognition of Prior Learning (ARPL) by the Minister of Higher Education and Training in a Government Gazette no 40691 dated 17 March 2017, you are duly informed of the process of phased implementation thereto as follows.

1. Toolkits for the following trades have been approved by the National Artisan Moderation Body (NAMB) and are ready for implementation:
 - Boilermaker;
 - Diesel Mechanic;
 - Motor Mechanic;
 - Fitter; and
 - Welder.
2. Implementation of these toolkits for granting access to a National Trade Test will be three months as from the date of signature of this letter, from which date no access to a Trade Test may be granted to any person in these specific trades under Regulation 11(5) of the Trade Test Regulations.

3. The trades affected will be the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) recorded legacy trades and not relevant to registered Occupational Trade Qualifications.

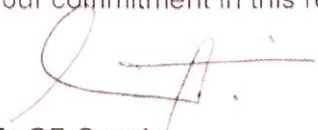
In preparation for implementation, the ARPL Unit situated within the Chief Directorate: Institute for the National Development of Learnerships, Employment Skills and Labour Assessments/National Artisan Development (INDLELA/NAD) in Olifantsfontein will facilitate a 2 day capacity building session in Olifantsfontein for all accredited Trade Test Centres and Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs). The attendance of a capacity building session is mandatory for all accredited Trade Test Centres whether the scope of accreditation includes these trades or not as the capacity building will be focused on ARPL implementation and the process and will not be trade specific.

Invitations will be forwarded in due time by the Deputy Director responsible for ARPL, Mr Craig Pereira; for related enquiries he can be contacted on telephone number 011 206 1113 or e-mail at pereira.c@dhet.gov.za.

Non-attendance of the capacity building session could affect the Trade Test Centre's accreditation status as the National Artisan Moderation Body's accreditation criteria stipulates that a Trade Test Centre must have the ability to implement the artisan recognition of prior learning process for access to a trade test.

For ARPL implementation processes of other trades in a phased approach, a formal communication to all accredited Trade Test Centres and SETAs will be issued by the Chief Director: INDLELA/NAD.

Your commitment in this regard is highly appreciated.


Mr GF Qonde
Director-General: Higher Education and Training

Date: 19/07/2017