



1. Introduction

The qualifications and unit standards registered by SAQA under the scope of the SGB: Secondary Agriculture Processing has been reviewed. The status of all qualifications and unit standards has been considered in terms of the various working groups or functional areas envisaged for the broader agricultural scope.

2. Re-registration, quality review and qualification development

All existing qualifications will be registered in their current format unless minor changes are made to the qualifications to improve the quality of the qualifications. Minor changes include amendments to the qualification rules (credits allocated to core, fundamental and elective learning) and extending the list of elective unit standards to improve the quality of the qualifications.

Major changes to qualifications, including the review of qualifications to represent a more generic focus will be addressed once more clarity is available on the QCTO model for Occupationally Directed Qualifications. An interim model was developed that could be applied to address areas of urgency.

New qualifications and unit standards will be developed in areas previously identified and agreed upon with SAQA.

The actions are addressed within the following functional areas:

Working Group 1: Abattoir Processes: Includes all qualifications related to abattoir processes. The need for a new unit standard related to hygiene management and meat safety was identified and is currently being addressed.
Working Group 2: Agricultural Engineering, Mechanization and Technology: A qualification for the Repair and Maintenance of Agricultural Equipment (NQF Level 2) has been approved for registration. Further NQF levels in this field will be addressed through elective unit standards that will be registered with qualifications developed by the SGB: Vehicle Maintenance. These developments are addressed within the GMET SGB structures.
Working Group 3: Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services: No Secondary Agriculture focus
Working Group 4: Agricultural Management and Business Practices: No Secondary Agriculture focus
Working Group 5: Agri-trade / Retail: Qualifications registered for AgriTrade will be reviewed in terms of the QCTO model.
Working Group 6: Animal Production and Health: Qualifications in Poultry Production (Levels 1 – 3) has been improved in terms of inputs made by Prof. Hays. Specific qualifications for Pig Production and Feed Lots will not be submitted to SAQA at this stage. The needs of these industries will be evaluated by the working group, and if possible, address the needs of these industries through elective unit standards linked to animal production qualifications.

Working Group 7: Food Security and Homestead Farming” No Secondary Agriculture focus
<p>Working Group 8: Generic Processing: This group represents a diverse number of industries. To ensure that we do not lose specific industry needs by adapting an over emphasised generic approach, the group has been divided into sub-groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Sub-Working group 8.1: Generic Agri Produce Processing: The scope of this group includes all processing of produce such as sugar, fruit juice, spices and cotton. The needs of this group will be attend to by reviewing and rationalisation of existing qualification in terms of the DoL pilot QCTO project. Needs of industry not previously covered will be addressed such as fruit juice processing ❑ Sub-Working Group 8.2: Gain Milling and Animal Feeds: No new qualifications will be developed for Animal Feeds or Dry Pet Foods until more clarity is available on the QCTO model and the DoL Pilot Project. ❑ Sub-Working Group 8.3: Cigarette Manufacturing and Packaging: Current qualifications will be reviewed to more generic qualifications.
Working Group 9: Landscape: No Secondary Agriculture focus
Working Group 10: Pest Control: Qualifications and unit standards are registered with SAQA.
Working Group 11: Plant Production: Qualifications related to tea production and macadamia production will be review by the working group
<p>Working Group 12: Post Harvest Handling: The diversity of this group is also recognised by dividing the group into sub-groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Sub-Working Group 12.1: Fresh Produce Sorting and Packing Operations: Qualifications at NQF levels 2 to 4 is currently being reformatted in terms of SAQA requirements and will be submitted for registration once completed. ❑ Sub-Working Group 12.2: Bulk Grain Receiving, Storage and Distribution: The GETC: Grain handling is registered. Grain handling qualifications will be reviewed in terms of the QCTO model. A NQF level 3 qualification in Grain Grading needs to be registered – possibly replacing current NQF 3 qualification in Grain Handling Processes. ❑ Sub-Working Group 12.3: Green Tobacco Handling and Grading: Needs has been expressed for qualifications in Green Tobacco Handling and Grading. Needs further evaluation. ❑ Sub-Working Group 12.4: Seed Handling and Processing: The quality of current qualifications registered with SAQA will be improved.
Working Group 13: Research and Development: The quality of seed research as development qualifications registered with SAQA will be improved.
Working 14: Statutory Agricultural Inspectors and Quality Control: Specific needs of PPECB are currently being addressed. The quality of the seed analysis qualification registered with SAQA will be improved.
Working Group 15: Sustainable Land Utilisation and Resource Management: No Secondary Agriculture focus

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