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GENERAL NOTICE

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 27 OF 1996) AND THE FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 98 OF 1998)

CALL FOR COMMENTS ON A POLICY FOR THE FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE (FETC) (VOCATIONAL): CALL FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM STAKEHOLDER BODIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. BACKGROUND

Further Education and Training (FET) Colleges have been identified as central to meeting the challenges of the Government's human resource development objectives, especially that of reducing unemployment through skills and human resource development.

FET colleges are therefore encouraged to align their programmes and qualifications to the needs of society and the labour market.

In view of the above, it was deemed necessary to develop a policy document that would describe the regulations, rules and provisos for the award of the FETC (Vocational) at Level 4 of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

Subsequent to the above decision, a new policy document, namely A *policy for the Further Education and Training Certificate (FETC) (Vocational)* has been developed with the aim of setting the norms and standards to which all FET colleges and relevant assessment bodies in terms of Sections 3(4)(l) and 7 of the

National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996) and, *Section 11(1)(c)* of *the Further Education and Training Act, 1998 (Act No. 98 of 1998)* must give effect.

2. INVITATION TO COMMENT

I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, Minister of Education, intend to declare policy in terms of *Sections 3(4)(l) and 7* of the *National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996)* and *Section 11(1)(c)* of the *Further Education and Training Act, 1998 (Act No. 98 of 1998)*, and accordingly invite stakeholder bodies and members of the public with an interest in Further Education and Training Colleges, to comment on the policy document, *A policy for the Further Education and Training Certificate (FETC) (Vocational)* as set out in the Schedule.

3. SUBMISSIONS

It would greatly assist the Department of Education if all submissions could be prepared under the headings below. If you do not wish to comment under a particular heading, please indicate “No comment”.

3.1 Chapter 1

- (a) Purpose of the FETC (Vocational)
- (b) Type of qualification
- (c) Entrance requirements
- (d) Duration and general requirements of the FETC (Vocational)

3.2 Chapter2

- (a) The structure of the FETC (Vocational)
- (b) The design of the **FETC** (Vocational)

3.3 Chapter3

- (a) Rules of combination
- (b) Provisos
- (c) Promotion requirements
- (d) Concessions

3.4 Chapter4

- (a) Assessment structure
- (b) Reporting and recording
- (c) Re-assessment

3.5 Chapter5

- (a) Transitional arrangements

3.6 General comments

4. CLOSING DATE

The closing date for the receipt of comments is Monday, **26 September 2005**.

4. ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSIONS

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