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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)

1. What does the 30 June 2015 mean for legacy qualifications?

Answer:

It means that Nursing Education Institutions (NEI's) have an opportunity to have last intake of students on 1 June 2015 in order to ensure that students registered for legacy qualifications will be able to benefit from the teach out period per programme as specified on Circular No.3/2010

2. What should the NEI be doing to implement the new qualifications?

Answer:

Public Nursing Colleges must start working toward gaining a status of becoming institutions of higher education. The first step is to develop a Public Nursing College's Act in order to assist them to become college sector and able to prepare their programmes which meet the criteria of the Council for Higher Education (CHE).

3. Where an NEI should be registered in order to offer the new qualifications?

Answer:

Once question two has been addressed then NEI will be able to develop their programme through CHE for accreditation, which in turn CHE submits programmes to the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) to be registered by SAQA.

4. Will the NEI be accredited by both SANC and CHE?

Answer:

The South African Nursing Council (SANC) develops guidelines for programmes to be offered by NEI's, which in turn NEI's develop curricula in relation to nursing programmes to be offered. The NEI's submit to CHE for accreditation and upon completion of evaluation of nursing programmes, CHE communicates with SANC through an online portal before nursing programmes are sent to SAQA for registration. The dual submission assists in fast-tracking the process. SANC is at final stages to complete online submission of nursing programmes.

5. Will the NEIs be involved in setting their own examinations?

Answer:

All new nursing qualifications as they are on Higher Education Band on the National Qualification Framework (NQF), therefore, examinations will be set by NEI's.

6. What qualification should the nurse educator have in order to teach the new qualifications?

Answer:

A nurse educator must have a higher qualification than the programme that is offered meaning that for a Bachelor's degree, an educator must a Master's degree or higher than that.