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**GOVERNMENT NOTICE**

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

No. 518

1 June 2006

**FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACT, 1998 (Act No. 98 of 1998)****THE END OF THE TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT PERIOD RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF PRIVATE FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS**

I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, Minister of Education, hereby give notice in terms of section 51 of the *Further Education and Training Act, 1998 (Act No. 98 of 1998)* (hereafter referred to as the Act) read together with Regulation 32(2) of the *Regulations for the Registration of Private Further Education and Training Institutions, 2003* that:

1. With effect from **1 January 2008**, no person **other than a public further education and training institution or an organ of state** shall be allowed to provide further education and training qualifications unless such a person is registered or provisionally registered as a private further education and training institution in terms of the Act. Any person who contravenes this notice is, in terms of section 44 of the Act, **guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine or imprisonment not exceeding five years or to both such fine and imprisonment.**
2. ~~With~~ effect from **1 January 2008**, no private institution shall be allowed to offer further education and training qualifications that are not aligned with or registered on the **NQF**. Accordingly, ~~as~~ from **1 January 2008**, no new students shall be ~~enrolled~~ into such qualifications.
3. All further education and training qualifications awarded to **students** by private institutions during the transitional arrangement period until **31 December 2007** shall be recognised as valid qualifications for purposes of vertical and horizontal articulation, as well as employment.
4. ~~This~~ notice does not apply to the following categories of institutions:
  - a) Independent schools that provide further education and training, as such school are registered in terms of the South African Schools Act with the Provincial Departments of Education.
  - b) Private institutions that exclusively offer **short skills programme**, as it is not necessary for them to register.



Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, MP  
Minister of Education

Date: 29-05-2006

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