

**OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
DIRECTORATE: PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT AND REGISTRATION**

BUILDING THE NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK AT INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL

The Directorate Programme Development and Registration, in the Office of the Registrar, is responsible for leading, coordinating and managing all programme (curriculum) development activities (both new and revised programmes) up to the point of registration of resultant qualifications on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). The registration of qualifications on the NQF is one of the key focus areas of the Directorate in order to ensure compliance with national imperatives in this regard.

The regulations setting up the NQF were formalised with their gazetting in 2006 while the implementation of the framework is administered by the Namibia Qualifications Authority (NQA). The NQF is intended to be a register of all relevant and legal qualifications in Namibia and represents a set of agreements, rules and requirements that will:

- promote the consistent use of qualification titles;
- provide people with a clearer understanding of what a person holding a particular qualification has achieved;
- assist people to determine the similarities and differences between qualifications in Namibia;
- give greater assurance of the quality of education, training and assessment in Namibia;
- enhance the reputation of Namibia's education and training system in the regional, continental and international communities.

The NQA has directed, in accordance with its implementation strategy for the NQF, that all Namibian qualifications that have been confirmed as needed by key stakeholders must be registered on the framework by January 2015 in order to negate the need for ongoing evaluation of qualifications. The Polytechnic of Namibia has embraced this development by initiating a comprehensive process that aims at re-curriculating all existing programmes in congruence with requirements of the institution's Curriculum Framework (approved in October 2009), as well as ensuring the alignment of resultant qualifications with the NQF. The Polytechnic currently offers in excess of 90 programmes, leading to more than 110 qualifications, of which 33 are registered on the NQF as follows (***status as at 31 March 2012***):

NQF ID	QUALIFICATION TITLE	NQF LEVEL	NQF CREDITS
Q0110	Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics and Statistics	7	455 <i>(Accounting option)</i> 461 <i>(Economics option)</i>
Q0111	Bachelor of Science Honours in Applied Mathematics	8	150
Q0112	Bachelor of Science Honours in Applied Statistics	8	150
Q0113	Certificate in Criminal Justice	5	132
Q0114	Bachelor of Criminal Justice (Policing)	7	375
Q0115	Bachelor of Criminal Justice Honours	8	137
Q0143	Bachelor of English	7	391
Q0144	Bachelor of English Honours	8	150
Q0145	Bachelor of Communication	7	395
Q0147	Diploma in Agricultural Management	6	250
Q0148	Bachelor of Agricultural Management	7	417
Q0149	Bachelor of Agricultural Management Honours	8	140
Q0150	Bachelor of Journalism and Communication Technology	7	369
Q0151	Bachelor of Journalism and Communication Technology Honours	8	170
Q0152	Certificate in Public Management	5	134
Q0153	Bachelor of Public Management	7	425
Q0154	Bachelor of Public Management Honours	8	120
Q0155	Diploma in Property Studies	6	285

Q0156	Bachelor of Property Studies Honours	8	509
Q0160	Certificate in Land Surveying	5	77
Q0161	Diploma in Geomatics	6	296
Q0162	Bachelor of Science in Geomatics	7	426
Q0163	Bachelor of Logistics Honours	8	141
Q0164	Bachelor of Criminal Justice (Correctional Management)	7	382
Q0165	Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences	8	515
Q0166	Diploma in Information Technology	5	142
Q0223	Post Graduate Certificate in Business Computing (Information Systems Audit)	8	60
Q0224	Bachelor of Geoinformation Technology	7	401
Q0225	Diploma in Geoinformation Technology	6	255
Q0228	Bachelor of Town and Regional Planning	7	396
Q0229	Bachelor of Natural Resource Management (Nature Conservation)	7	372
Q0231	Bachelor of Regional and Rural Development	7	388
Q0232	Diploma in Regional and Rural Development	6	259

An additional 27 qualifications have been submitted to the NQA for NQF registration (**as at 31 March 2012**), and have reached different stages in this process. The NQA has issued NQF Compliance Check Reports for 25 of these qualifications and it is anticipated that the qualifications will be approved for registration during the course of May/June 2012.

The Polytechnic is fully committed to building the NQF and has set December 2012 as the target date for submitting all existing qualifications for NQF registration. All programme (curriculum) development efforts in the institution are currently geared towards attaining this objective.