

## SEYCHELLES QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY



### CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REPORT ON THE ALIGNMENT OF THE SEYCHELLES NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (NQF) TO THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (SADCQF)

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The Seychelles Qualifications Authority (SQA), on behalf of the Seychelles National Alignment Committee (NAC) is seeking public comment on the following report:

***Draft Report on the Alignment of the Seychelles National Qualifications Framework (SNQF) to the Southern African Development Community Qualifications Framework (SADCQF)***

The draft report is available on the SQA website: [www.sqa.sc](http://www.sqa.sc) under **Documents for Public Comment**.

All stakeholders are invited to engage with the draft report and submit comments. Comments must be received no later than **24 September 2018** and should be sent to:

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#### **Background to Alignment with the SADCQF**

In 2011 the SADC Ministers responsible for education and training approved the Southern African Development Community Qualifications Framework (SADCQF). The SADCQF is a comprehensive Regional Qualifications Framework (RQF) for schooling, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and higher education. Its purpose is to enable easier movement of learners and workers across the SADC region and internationally. It is a reference framework consisting of 10-level Qualifications Regional Qualifications Framework (RQF) Levels based on learning outcomes. The

SADCQF will provide a regional benchmark for qualifications and QA mechanisms in SADC.

The SADC Technical Committee on Certification and Accreditation (TCCA) was established to oversee the implementation of the SADCQF and proposed that member states align their National Qualifications Framework (NQF's) or National Qualifications Systems (NQS) and Quality Assurance (QA) mechanisms to the SADCQF.

To assist the alignment process within SADC, the TCCA adopted ten alignment criteria. The vision is that, in the SADC region, all new qualification certificates, diplomas and other documents issued by competent authorities will show the relevant SADCQF level. Alignment will enable this recognition of achievement at a regional level.

Regional alignment would also enable institutions and individuals to make comparisons of their learning and competence levels and reduce unnecessary duplication of learning and effort when moving through SADC for study or work purposes.

An essential condition for alignment is the establishment of a National Alignment Committee (NAC) in each of the SADC Member States. The Seychelles NAC was appointed in January 2018 by the Minister responsible for Education.

### **The Draft Report on the Alignment of the Seychelles NQF to the SADCQF**

The draft report is the official statement from the Seychelles NAC that the Seychelles NQF is aligned to the SADCQF and is the Seychelles response to the recommendation from the SADC TCCA that the Seychelles NQF and its QA mechanisms be aligned to the SADCQF.