



COMENSA

COACHES AND MENTORS OF SOUTH AFRICA

Policy on Foreign Qualifications submitted in support of applications for professional designations for Coaches and/or Mentors as offered by COMENSA as required by Section 58 of the South African Qualifications Authority Policy and Criteria for Recognising a Professional Body and registering a Professional Designation for the Purposes of the National Qualifications Framework Act, Act 67 of 2008, as amended January 2023.

Foreword

Professional bodies such as Coaches and Mentors of South Africa (COMENSA) have a critical role in quality assurance and standards development in the South Africa National Qualifications Framework (NQF) environment. Professional bodies, and the registration of their designations, contribute to strengthening social responsiveness and accountability within professions and promoting pride in association for all professions and occupations.

Redress is also a key imperative in the South African policy and regulatory environment. It is critical that perceptions of exclusionary practices be addressed upfront and that professions do not apply unjust policies and practices regarding who gains access to a profession.

COMENSA is proud to be working with the custodian of the NQF, the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) to make sure that all South Africans benefit from professional development.

Signed on this 31st Day of March 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vesuica Wantu". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vice President

Purpose

1. The purpose of this policy is to define the process of evaluating internationally acquired qualifications for the purpose of aligning them with the minimum qualification requirements of the COMENSA professional designations as registered with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).

Procedure

2. A COMENSA member, whether a foreigner or a South African citizen, that holds foreign qualifications and intends to apply for a COMENSA designation on the basis of the foreign qualifications, must first apply to the South African Qualifications Authority, (SAQA) for evaluation of the foreign qualifications.
3. SAQA has an online application process that can be accessed at <https://dfqeas.saga.co.za/dfqeas/user/home>
4. The evaluation certificate issued by SAQA would, *inter alia*, state the following:
 - a) The Title of the Foreign Qualification; and
 - b) The Closest comparable South African Qualification; and
 - c) South African NQF Level; and
 - d) South African Credit Value of the Qualification.
5. The COMENSA member must include the SAQA evaluation certificate in their application for a designation.

Policy Alignment

6. This Policy applies and must be read in conjunction with the following two COMENSA Policies:
 - a) The COMENSA Policy for Credentialing; or
 - b) The COMENSA Policy for Recognition of Prior Learning.

Costs

7. All costs for the SAQA evaluation of Foreign Qualifications will be for the COMENSA member's account.