



YOU ARE INVITED TO SAQA's NQF RESEARCH SEMINAR
“Understanding the National Articulation Baseline Study Findings”
& the launch of the SAQA-UWC-HSRC RPL Book “RPL as specialised pedagogy”

Democratic South Africa inherited a fractured and unequal system for education, training, development and work. The South African National Qualifications Framework (NQF) was the means chosen through the SAQA Act, to integrate this system, and to enable progression, national quality assurance, and transparency within it. Further streamlining of the system under the NQF Act made possible the current differentiation between the three NQF Sub-Framework contexts. The NQF policy suite developed by SAQA is designed to support articulation. SAQA's long-term research partnerships and advocacy initiatives support the implementation of these policies. The recently completed National Articulation Baseline Study - which made visible the articulation driven by the 26 public Higher Education Institutions (HEI) and 50 Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges - revealed 75 initiatives, 16 of which were 'developed'; 38 were 'emerging', and 20 were 'latent'.

It is important for strengthening articulation in the system, that SAQA shares the findings of the National Articulation Baseline Study, and engages around some of the related successes and challenges. You are hereby invited to SAQA's NQF Research Seminar “*Understanding the National Articulation Baseline Study Findings*”, the purposes of which are to:

- **Share the findings** of the National Articulation Baseline Study;
- **Share in depth**, (a) three province-wide articulation initiatives; (b) the successes/challenges of a UoT with formal Memoranda of Understanding with 21 TVET Colleges; (c) the successes/challenges of a university partnering with all TVET Colleges to offer Higher Certificates; and (d) patterns re learners with NCV qualifications admitted to HEI; and
- **Agree on a set of principles/criteria for success in articulation initiatives**

This seminar has been designed for those who completed SAQA's National Articulation Baseline Survey (HEI and TVET Colleges), and those leading NQF implementation (the Ministers/Departments of Higher Education and Training, and Basic Education, SAQA, and the Quality Councils). You are also invited to the Gauteng launch of the SAQA-UWC-HSRC peer-reviewed book “*RPL as Specialised Pedagogy: Crossing the Lines*”, which will take place immediately after the seminar. Please kindly **RSVP to Ms Charmaine Lebooa (CLebooa@sqa.co.za), Mr Lefa Lenka (LLenka@sqa.co.za), Ms Renay Pillay (RPillay@sqa.co.za), Dr Letitia Adaken (LAdaken@sqa.co.za) and Dr Heidi Bolton (HBolton@sqa.co.za) by 15 January 2018.**

Venue: Kopanong Hotel & Conference Centre, Benoni, Gauteng

Date: Tuesday 30 January 2018

Times of seminar: 9h00-17h00 (Registration is from 8h00-9h00)

Times of book launch: 17h00-19h00

Cost: R1500 per person (cost-recovery only)

We are only able to cater for one delegate per institution, as numbers are limited. We ask kindly that you email the name of your representative, and institutional details so that we can

develop and forward you an invoice with SAQA's bank details, and the procedure for your payment.