

## BACKGROUND:

The South African National Qualifications Framework (NQF) is, by design, a tool for transparency and inspiring trust in South African education and training. Among other things, it ensures that South African qualifications meet clearly defined quality criteria and are internationally comparable. It also enables movement of learners and removes barriers and dead-end qualifications that restrict career opportunities and social and economic growth. The vision is that of "a world-class NQF that works for the people of South Africa." For the past 21 years, the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) has developed and implemented the NQF with its mission to contribute to the full personal development of each learner and the social economic development of the nation at large. It is in pursuit of this vision and mission that this journey has been undertaken and those who travelled on it together with their pit stops that this timeline seeks to document.

## PURPOSE:

- To track the development of the NQF and its milestones and achievements over the last 21 years

## OBJECTIVE:

- To outline the milestones and achievements of the NQF over the last 21 years

## KEY MESSAGE:

- "The NQF road will be made by walking reflectively, accountably and boldly" - Samuel Isaacs - 1996

