BOTSWANA
Qualifications Authority

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROVIDERS (ETPs) AND AWARDING BODIES

COMMENCEMENT OF THE NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR THE RECOGNITION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND TVET INSTITUTIONS AND AWARDING BODIES

Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) informs all Education and Training Providers (ETPs), Awarding Bodies and other stakeholders that the Norms and Standards for the Recognition of Higher Education, and TVET Institutions and Awarding Bodies shall come into effect on **1 January 2027.**

1. Scope of Application

The Norms and Standards shall apply to:

a. All existing Higher Education and TVET institutions, as well as Awarding Bodies, registered, accredited or recognised by BQA, which are required to assess and align their operations with the applicable requirements; and

b. All new applicants seeking registration and accreditation, and/or recognition, who shall be assessed against the applicable Norms and Standards.

2. Transition Period

The commencement of these regulatory instruments marks the implementation of updated requirements for the recognition of Higher Education institutions, TVET institutions and Awarding Bodies.

A transition period has been established to enable existing institutions and Awarding Bodies to align their operations with the applicable Norms and Standards. The transition period shall run from **1 January 2027** to **31 December 2030.**

3. Compliance Requirements

All affected institutions and Awarding Bodies are reminded to familiarise themselves with the applicable Norms and Standards and the Transition Guidelines previously communicated by BQA.

Institutions and Awarding Bodies are further urged to continue making the necessary preparations to ensure compliance within the prescribed transition period.

4. Availability of Regulatory Documents

The Norms and Standards, Transition Guidelines and related regulatory documents are available on the BQA website:

www.bqa.org.bw/documents

BQA urges all institutions and Awarding Bodies to take note of the commencement date and ensure continued compliance with the applicable regulatory requirements.

5. Enquiries

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