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Phase-out of the National Diploma in Building and Phase-in of the Diploma in Construction

The Department of Construction Management and Quantity Surveying will be replacing the existing National Diploma: Building qualification with a Diploma in Construction qualification in 2018.

The purpose of introducing this new qualification is to align with the new Higher Education qualification sub-Framework (HEQSF) as Gazetted by the South African Department of Education on 2 August 2013. This is a requirement placed on all Higher Education institutions.

Pipeline students will be allowed a certain period to complete the National Diploma in Building, after which they will be articulated into the Diploma. Students who are returning to complete their qualification will be admitted on the current National Diploma (ND) qualification if it's still offered at the time of their return. If the qualification has been phased out, they will be articulated into the Diploma (Dip) qualification. The Diploma in Construction will commence in January 2018.

Phase-out plan for the National Diploma:

Year	Remarks
2017	<p>Last intake for first year students</p> <p>Mainstream students</p> <p>National Diploma students who have passed all year one subjects in 2017 will continue with the ND year two subjects in 2018.</p> <p>All 2017 first year students who do not pass all their first year subjects will be transferred to the Diploma in Construction and will repeat year one in 2018.</p> <p>In-service training placement for students that qualify will continue as normal.</p> <p>ECP students level one</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a student passes all ECP year zero subjects, the student will progress to the ND: Building ECP year one subjects. • If a student fails all ECP year zero subjects, the student will be transferred to the Diploma ECP year zero. • If a student in the ECP year zero fails one subject, the student will be allowed to repeat these subjects in the Diploma ECP year zero. In addition,

	<p>if there are no timetable clashes the student will also be allowed to continue with ECP year one subjects.</p> <p>ECP students level two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a student passes all ECP year one subjects, the student will progress to the ND: Building ECP year two. • If a student fails one/two/all ECP year one subjects, the student will repeat ECP year one subjects.
2018	<p>Mainstream students Dip – 1st year Current ND – 2nd year Current ND – 3rd year</p> <p>National Diploma students who have passed all year two subjects in 2018 will continue with the ND year three.</p> <p>If a student fails a second year subject, that student will repeat the subject on the ND: Building ECP year two in 2019.</p> <p>In-service training placement for students that qualify will continue as normal.</p> <p>ECP students Dip ECP – year zero Current ND ECP – year one Current ND ECP – year two / second year (in-service training) Current ND ECP – year three / third year</p> <p>ECP students who have passed all year zero and year one subjects in 2018 will continue with the ECP year two in 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If an ECP ND: Building year one student passes all subjects in 2018, the student will progress to ECP ND: Building year two in 2019. • If an ECP ND: Building year one student fails a subject in 2018, the student will join ECP year one on the Diploma in 2019. <p>In-service training placement for students that qualify will continue as normal.</p>
2019	<p>Mainstream students Dip – 1st year Dip – 2nd year Current ND - 3rd year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main stream students who fail any of their ND year three subjects in 2019 will be allowed to register and attend with the ND ECP year three in 2020.

	<p>ECP students Dip ECP – year zero Dip ECP – year one Current ND ECP – year two (in-service training) Current ND ECP – year three</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current ND ECP year two students who pass all second year subjects, will progress to the ND year three in 2020. • Current ND ECP year two students who fail second year subjects in 2019 will be transferred to the Diploma in 2020.
2020	<p>ECP students Dip ECP – year zero Dip ECP – year one Dip ECP – year two Current ND ECP – year three</p> <p>Students who have outstanding subjects will need to register for the equivalent subject in the Diploma program and apply for internal recognition of the subject. (A list of subjects as their equivalent subjects are listed below)</p>

Equivalent subjects: National Diploma Building and Diploma in Construction

Diploma in Construction	National Diploma in Building
Construction Management 1	Construction Management 1
Construction Technology 1	Construction Technology 1
Quantity Surveying 1	Quantity Surveying 1
Construction Mathematics	No comparable subject
Site Surveying	Site Surveying 1
Construction Science 1	Applied Building Science 1
Technical Drafting	No comparable subject
Professional and Technical Communications 1	Communications 1
Computer skills and Applications	Computer Applications 1
Integrated construction projects	No comparable subject
Quantity Surveying 2	Quantity Surveying 2
Construction Technology 2	Construction Technology 2
Construction Management 2	Construction Management 2
Building services	No comparable subject
Construction health and safety	No comparable subject
Construction economics	No comparable subject
Construction science 2	No comparable subject
Professional and technical communication 2	No comparable subject
Construction science 3	Structures and Concrete 3
Construction Technology 3	Construction Technology 3
Quantity surveying 3	Quantity surveying 3
Construction Management 3	Construction Management 3
Price Analysis and Estimating	Price Analysis and Estimating 3
Construction entrepreneurship	Construction Accounting 3
Construction practice	Building Practice 1

Students are requested to sign the attached acknowledgement sheet that they were informed of the Phase-out of the National Diploma in Building and Phase-in of the Diploma in Construction. Acknowledgement forms to be submitted to the Departmental secretary by no later than 29 September 2017.

Yours sincerely



Mr L Wentzel
(Acting) Head of Department

19 September 2017

Acknowledgement of information regarding the Phase-out of the National Diploma in Building and Phase-in of the Diploma in Construction.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of information regarding the Phase-out of the National Diploma in Building and Phase-in of the Diploma in Construction.

I understand that if I have not progressed to year two of the National Diploma: Building in 2018, I will be transferred to the Diploma in Construction and will repeat year one.

I am aware that there will be financial implications if I am transferred to the Diploma based on my academic performance.

I accept to comply with any appropriate actions to overcome any unforeseen WIL implications that may occur due to the phase-out of the National Diploma.

Name:

Student Number:

Signature:

Date:

Signed at: