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Providers' Consultations

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The Tonga National Qualifications and Accreditation Board has informed Post Compulsory Education and Training providers of it's annual activities for the 2017/18 financial year.

The consultative workshop was opened by the Minister of Education and Training, Hon. Penisimani 'Epenisa Fifita who stressed the importance of maintaining our values and culture in education and training programmes. The Welcome speech was delivered by one of the Board members, Mr Tatafu Moeaki.

This month also features training of local panelists for



Minister of Education, Hon. 'Penisimani 'Epenisa Fifita ((front row—centre) and representatives from local institutions who attended the consultative workshop, 27 April 2017 at Davina Convention Centre, Vuna Road, Ma'u-fanga. Mr Tatafu Moeaki (front row—left) represented the Board.

the quality assurance activities of the board. These panelists are identified from various fields of learning that correspond to a programme submitted for accreditation.

Where the Board cannot

find a suitable local expert to be a panelist in the programme accreditation, an overseas panelist is be contracted.

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The Annual Registration Fee is compulsory for all registered providers to settle by the 30th January every year.

There are 21 providers currently registered by the Board as of June 2017. Only one provider has paid its annual fees in 2017 as

compliance with this requirement for on-going registration. Providers are hereby reminded of annual fees, payment is extended until 30th June 2017.

TNQAB will publish the names of those providers who have outstanding fees to settle in next month's

edition. If you would like an update on your compliance with annual fees payment, please call TNQAB at 28136 or email us at:

info@tnqab.to

ooo Annual Registration ooo

Accreditation Panel Training

It is always a pleasure to receive applications for accreditation because it means the provider is mindful of this legal requirement. Moreover, the provider shows it is interested in its learners and desires the best results for their effort. It is an effort that indeed needs recognition and praise.



TNQAB engage industry experts in its accreditation to ensure that the process benefits from their professional advice and recommendations to enhance the programmes. As such, a Panel Training was conducted to prepare the panelists to assist TNQAB in the Accreditation of Music, Architecture, Information Technology,

Teaching, Early Childhood, Carpentry and Automotive Engineering programmes.

Providers are hereby reminded of this legal requirement for accreditation and apply for accreditation of any programmes currently delivered but are not yet accredited.

Please feel free to solicit the assistance of TNQAB support staff in your preparation for programme accreditation.

When Quality Matters...

We are coming!... Please be informed that Quality audits shall include an investigation of the following:

- (a) the ability of the provider to continue delivering their accredited education and training courses of study;
- (b) the quality of each accredited course of study;
- (c) the appropriateness of each qualification; and
- (d) the resources provided for the delivery of each course of study.

“Quality is simple. People are complicated.” by Harry Forsha

The following providers will be audited during the months of July—September 2017:

1. Montfort Technical Institute
2. Ahopanilolo Technical Institute Training Centre
3. Tonga Institute of Science & Technology
4. Tonga Police College
5. Tonga Maritime Polytechnic Institute

. New accreditations.... and Accreditation in progress...

The following programmes were accredited in January—May 2017:

- Montfort Technical Institute Certificate in Electrical Engineering Level 2
- 'Ahopanilolo Technical College Certificate in Hairdressing Level 2
- Pouono Campus Certificate in Hospitality Level 2

Provisional accreditation was granted to Queen Salote Institute of Nursing

and Allied Health Certificate in Medical Laboratory Technology Level 4.

A number of programmes in the process of accreditation This include: Tupou Tertiary Institute Certificate in Music, Architecture and Diploma in Adult teaching ,the Tonga Institute of Higher Education IT and Hospitality programmes, Tonga Institute of Education Early Childhood and Education programmes and Pouono Campus

Automotive Engineering and Carpentry courses. Atenisi institute is commended for its cooperative spirit in preparing its programme for accreditation. A special thank you to the Director and the Dean and wish you all the best as you align



your courses to the quality standards.

Staff development and Training...

Three staff from Quality Assurance Division, namely Mr Kisione Manu and Mrs Ikatonga Hingano have been awarded with New Zealand Development Aid Scholarship to study Masters in Education in New Zealand universities.



at Durham University in the United Kingdom.

The Board is grateful for such opportunities for further studies and wish to convey our sincere appreciation

to the donor of this programme, the New Zealand Government and the Commonwealth.

These study programme will help prepare these officers with sufficient

knowledge experience and skills that would give them better confidence in dealing with applications for degree and post graduate programmes approval and accreditation.

Mrs Tohu'ia Manuofetoa has submitted her Thesis for Master in Education at University of the South, Tonga Campus and is hoping for the best.



One Staff from Qualifications Division, Mr 'Opeti Pulotu is currently studying for Doctor of Philosophy in Assessment

Staff movement

Mrs Kalolaine Nginingini joined TNQAB in 2012 as Assistant Qualification Officer, in the Account Section of Corporate Services.

Kalo has decided to go to greener pastures, so we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. Kalo has left a legacy of memories and laughter at TNQAB and this poem is dedicated to her:

Your career has been nothing short of inspirational

Your work ethics has been nothing short or motivational

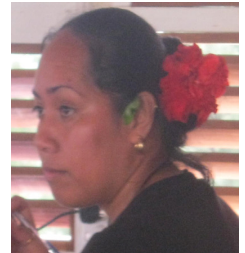
Your demeanor at work has been nothing short of professional

I am sure that at your new job your performance will be sensational ...

Ofa atu,

Stay in touch and God Bless You.

zài jiàn...



What's Next in 2017?

July

- TV and Radio Broadcast session for Providers
- Panel Training
- Identify experts - Tourism, Hospitality, Agriculture and Horticulture

August

- Workshop training
- Quality Audit (3 institutions)
- Industry survey - Tourism, Hospitality,
- Agriculture and Horticulture

September

- Industry Survey—Tourism and Hospitality
- Retreat (Risk and compliance)
- Consultation with ITAC/ SWC
- Industry Training Advisory Committee

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Expression of Interest

Applications are invited for interested experts in the following fields to form Sector Working Committees or Industry Training Advisory Committees to oversee the development of national qualifications:

- **Tourism and Hospitality,**
- **Agriculture and Horticulture**
- **Electrical Engineering**
- **Carpentry and Construction**

Please submit your letter of interest before 30 June
to : Acting CEO,

TNQAB officer, Molisi City Central Level 1, Salote Road., Nuku'alofa.

Special Corner...Shhhhhh

Staff Recognition Programme

The Social committee is proud to publicize its inspirational monthly activities designed to be motivational.

Each month has a colour theme to highlight and an activity to be rewarded. Mr Halalotoangi Fonokalafi was the winner of 3 consecutive months. He was selected for best staff in completing his assignment in February, best punctual in March and best attendance in April.

Mr Fonokalafi is the Senior Policy Analyst and complies well with the policies under his care. The Social Committee wish him all the best for being a great role model for the staff.



It's a Boy!



Congratulations to Mrs Fololina 'Ikani, Senior Qualification Officer who is being blessed with a new baby boy.

On behalf of the staff, the Social Committee wishes her and the family all the best. We look forward to seeing the new born soon when he is oriented into his new world, including the TNQAB office!

It's our Loss too....

Last year, one of our beloved staff member, Mrs Lapulou Tuipulotu met the untimely loss of her beloved eldest son, Mr 'Utoikamanu Tu'ipulotu. He was born on 15 August 1996 and was laid to rest in Christchurch, New Zealand on 14 July 2016 at the prime age of 19.

Her loss is our loss and we join hands in prayers for hope and comfort. The parting is painful but the promised of the resurrection in John 5:28,29 is a comforting hope to share with her.

May the God of all comfort give peace to your heart as you battle through your time of sorrow.

