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Major progress made in the release of TVET Colleges outstanding examination results and certificates

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) has made major strides in clearing the bulk of the outstanding Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges examination results and certificates backlog.

More than two million subject results for the November 2016 examinations have so far been processed and released. The final outstanding and pending results were officially released to TVET colleges by last Saturday, 4 March 2017.

This means that all outstanding November 2016 results have now been released. In addition, a further 450 subject results that were suspended due to suspicions of acts of dishonesty have also been cleared following thorough investigations.

These results will be processed and released within a week. A further 236 adverse cases are still pending further investigations due to alleged irregularities.

The Department continues to work closely with principals of TVET colleges to ensure that inherent data capturing challenges which contributed to many of the delays in the past in the processing of results are immediately resolved and so that they do not impact on future result cycles.

TVET College principals will also in future be required to validate all preliminary examination data prior to submission for resulting purposes.

The Department acknowledges the key role played by both the State Information Technology Agency (SITA) and the quality assurer, Umalusi, in ensuring the speedy finalisation of the results for the November 2016 examinations.

CERTIFICATION

In addition, a total of 2 180 of the 33 297 outstanding National Certificate (Vocational) (NCV) certificates, dating as far back as the November 2007

This represents significant progress that has been made considering that the number of outstanding NVC certificates, now at 29 583, have decreased from a staggering 236 821 in August 2015.

The bulk of the outstanding certificates (29 583) is due to data problems emanating from TVET colleges, such as data capturing errors and authentication of identity numbers and other personal information.

TVET college principals have since been engaged in a process to validate and confirm all preliminary examinations data from the examination centres, in order to facilitate the rapid release of certificates in the four examination cycles from November 2014 to supplementary 2016 – prior to the November 2016 cycle.

All processes are on track to ensure the release of all NCV and NATED Report 190/1 certificates for the November 2016 examinations by 31 March 2017 in accordance with national policy that prescribes for the issuing of certificates within three months of the publication of results.

The Department is also busy with another parallel clean-up process for outstanding results on the NATED Report 190/1 examinations system prior to the November 2016 examinations and it is expected that any outstanding NATED certificates will all be released by 30 June 2017.

The Department has also released a final schedule of results for the November 2016 examinations, as well as the cleared certificates to individual TVET colleges. All students are advised to request their results and certificates directly from their respective colleges.

The Department is also appealing for patience as certificates are released in batches, as and when they have been approved and processed for release by the quality assurer, Umalusi.

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