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Before 2000, programmes were approved and registered by the Committee of Teacher Education Programmes (COTEP) and the Universities and Technikons Advisory Council (AUT) according to the procedures, criteria for evaluation and guidelines to universities, Technikons and colleges for the registration, accreditation and funding approval of qualifications outlined in Report 116 (96/02), *A Qualification Structure for Universities in South Africa*, Report 150 (97/01), *General Policy for Technikon Instructional Programmes* and Committee, Report 151 (01/04) *Formal Technikon Instructional Programmes in the RSA* and Teacher Education Programmes (COTEP) (1996), *Norms and Standards for Teacher Education*. Since 1998, SAQA regulations (Regulation 452 OF 28 March 1998), the new Higher Education Policy Framework outlined in White Paper 3 (1997) (*Promulgated in Government Gazette, Vol. 928, No. 30353, 5 October 2007*), *the Higher Education Act (1997)* and *Norms and Standards for Educators (2000)* have changed the registration, accreditation and funding approval process previously used.

To allow the Higher Education Quality Committee of the CHE and SAQA to establish appropriate systems for the implementation of the new legislation, the Department of Education (DoE), the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) and the Council on Higher Education (CHE) established from 2000 to 2004 an Interim Joint Committee on Registration of New Qualifications, Accreditation of New Learning Programmes and Approval of New Learning Programmes for Funding Purposes. Since 2005, the responsibilities are carried out as follows: Approval of new learning programmes for funding purposes are done by the DoE, the accreditation of learning programmes by the HEQC of the CHE and the registration of qualifications by SAQA.

As a result of the dissolving of the AUT and COTEP, the interim arrangements and the changed institutional landscape as a result of the merging of higher education institutions, the original documentation of the approval and registration of programmes could not be traced for all programmes. The Minister of Education, GNM Pandor, MP, provided in a letter dated 31 December 2005 a listing of all the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University programmes that are approved. In a communiqué dated 17 August 2007, Dr J Nieuwenhuis confirmed that all the programmes appearing in the documentation may be considered as accredited.

The above-mentioned documentation provided by the Minister of Education thus serves as the official evidence of approval of this programme. The listing of the approved programmes is available on request.

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Oosthuizen'.

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