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**ACCOUNTING QUALIFICATION DEVELOPED BY THE NATIONAL TREASURY IN
COLLABORATION WITH THE ASSOCIATION FOR ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS,
SOUTH AFRICA (AAT, SA)**

Attached please find a letter received from National Treasury regarding the above subject. It will be appreciated if the content of the letter could be brought to the attention of the relevant officials in your Department.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JB Mbatha', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

MR JB MBATHA
ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT
DATE: 7/06/2012



**OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL
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- 1.1 Sound management of public finances across national, provincial and local government means the transparent, economic, efficient and effective use of public resources. As numerous reports by the Auditor-General and other institutions have shown, a great deal of progress is needed before we achieve such an ideal state, primarily owing to the lack of sufficient public financial management capability.
- 1.2 Given its constitutional mandate, the National Treasury (NT) has a responsibility to assist government departments build their capacity for sound and transparent financial management. Accordingly, the NT coordinated a broad collaboration to produce a capacity development strategy for Public Financial Management (PFM).
- 1.3 South Africa's shortage of skills is felt sharply in PFM. The public sector is falling behind in the competition for scarce skills. According to the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA), there were 22 030 public and private sector auditing and accounting vacancies in 2008.
- 1.4 Projections indicate that the supply of graduates and professionals entering the market is inadequate to keep up with increased demand. Furthermore, only 1.6 per cent of accountant posts in the public sector are filled by registered professionals, compared with 11.5 per cent of such posts in the private sector (SAICA 2008).
- 1.5 NT as a custodian of public financial management needs to play a role to improve the levels of competence regarding financial management in Departments. The Capacity Development Strategy has prioritised supporting the development of an enabling environment with the key emphasis on development of Public Financial Management related occupational qualifications.
- 1.6 In December 2011, the NT, the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) and the Association of Accounting Technicians, South Africa (AAT (SA)) met to discuss the possibility of developing customised entry to mid-level (NQF level 3 and 4) accounting qualifications for provincial and national departments. A decision was made to develop such a qualification and customise it to meet the need of national and provincial departments.
- 1.7 NT has influenced the content of the qualification and we are optimistic that the skills of public officials will be further enhanced to effectively account for expenditure management at national and provincial level.

- 1.8 AAT (SA), the Office of the Accountant General together with SAICA and Gauteng Local Government Ministry implemented this qualification at the local government sphere and positive results were recorded.
- 1.9 Following the successful presentation by AAT (SA) to the Provincial Accountants' General's Forum last week, National Treasury seeks an audience to the Provincial CFOs Forum hosted by the PAGs in their respective provinces to present the qualification for departments to identify officials that need training in public sector accounting at NQF level 3 and 4. Please contact Mr James Motha or Mr Xolisa Dlanga to schedule a slot for a presentation on this exciting qualification on the agenda of the provincial CFO forums. Mr Motha can be contacted at 012-315 5599 or on email at james.motha@treasury.gov.za and Mr Dlanga at 012-315 5927 or on xolisa.dlanga@treasury.gov.za.

Your assistance and cooperation to ensure that there is an uptake of the qualification will be appreciated.



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