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Dear Stakeholder

To: All Providers and OQSF Stakeholders

CC: Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET)

CC: National Artisan Moderation Body (NAMB)

CC: South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA)

CC: Sector Education Training Authority (SETA)

RE: PUBLIC NOTICE OF EXEMPTIONS IN PLACE FOR THE FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING COMPETENCE (FLC)

The Foundational Learning Competence (FLC) ([SAQA ID: 88895](#)) bears reference:

1. The FLC is a part qualification at NQF Level 2 which provides learners with fundamental skills in Foundational Communication and Mathematical Literacy.
2. The intention of the FLC is to provide learners with these fundamentals in the absence of evidence that the learner has completed training in these skillsets via other means.
3. QCTO reminds all providers involved in the administration and/or assessment of qualifications for which the FLC is a formal requirement that learners are exempted from this requirement if they have previously been awarded one or more of the following:
 - a. A National Senior Certificate (NSC) (Mathematics and English)
 - b. A Senior Certificate (SC) (Mathematics and English)
 - c. A National Certificate (Vocational) (NC(V)) (Mathematics and English)
 - d. A Qualification at NQF Level 2 and above that includes a pass in Mathematics (of any variety e.g. Mathematical Literacy/Numeracy/Etc.) and English.

4. All the above possibilities for exemption require that the learner can provide evidence that the qualification that they hold includes passes in Mathematics (of any variety) and English at NQF Level 2 and above.
5. To apply for exemption, the Learner (or the Provider on behalf of the learner) should contact the QCTO and provide evidence of the qualification held that may exempt the learner from the FLC requirement.

Yours sincerely,



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