

External Memorandum

To : HWSETA Stakeholders

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Executive Manager: ETQA

Date : 20 October 2026

Subject : Finalised External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA) dates for 2027

Dear HWSETA Stakeholder

This communiqué is to inform you of the finalized EISA dates for the rollout of occupational qualifications in 2027.

The HWSETA in consultation with QCTO on 4 September 2026, advised the QCTO that the HWSETA will no longer be scheduling two EISA dates per qualification from 2027. Going forward one EISA date per qualification will be scheduled to better manage the HWSETA resources.

We hope this allows sufficient time for planning and execution, ensuring high quality and integrity.

The dates below are as follows:

No.	Qualification Title	SAQA ID	NQF Level	Credits	EISA Date/s
1	Occupational Certificate: Social Auxiliary Worker (SAW)	98890	5	129	21 – 22 April 2027
2	Occupational Certificate: Home Based Personal Care Assistant (HBC)	104779	2	68	12 May 2027
3	Occupational Certificate: Home Based Personal Care Worker (HBC)	104792	3	135	13 May 2027
4	Occupational Certificate: Christian Religious Professional	101571	5	237	26 May 2027
5	Occupational Certificate: Religious Associate Professional (Christian Religious Practitioner)	101997	2	156	27 May 2027
6	Occupational Certificate: Health Promotion Officer (HPO)	94597	3	163	10 June 2027
7	Occupational Certificate: Child and Youth Care Worker (CYC)	99510	5	190	21-22 July 2027
8	Occupational Certificate: Social Counselling Worker (SC)	111142	5	143	18 August 2027
9	Occupational Certificate: Social Counselling Support Worker	111143	4	55	19 August 2027
10	Occupational Certificate: Safety, Health and Quality Practitioner (Occupational Health and Safety Practitioner)	99714	5	256	9 September 2027

11	Higher Occupational Certificate: Occupational Health and Safety Practitioner	121527	5	120	16 September 2027
12	Occupational Certificate: Occupational Health and Safety Assistant	121930	4	44	29 September 2027
13	National Occupational Certificate: Occupational Health and Safety Officer	121929	4	120	30 September 2027
14	Occupational Certificate: Muallim	104801	4	245	7 October 2027
15	Occupational Certificate: Imaam	103264	5	455	21 October 2027
16	Occupational Certificate: Aalim	104798	6	549	4 & 18 November 2027

Note: The EISA is compulsory, and all eligible learners will write at the same time. The above stipulated dates will be managed by the Assessment Quality Partner (AQP) which is the HWSETA that fulfils this administrative role. This therefore implies that only learners who have completed the EISA and those that have been declared competent will receive a SOA certificate that will be printed by the QCTO.

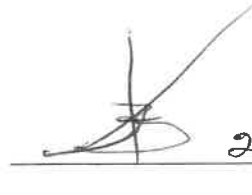
The HWSETA hopes this information helps you prepare effectively for the EISA. All Skills Development Providers (SDPs) must comply with the following QCTO requirements:

- Ensure that the assessment centre is approved for the specific qualification (if the Skills Development Provider is also assessment centre).
- The accredited assessment centre must be able to accommodate the number of registered learners. If it cannot, the Skills Development Provider must arrange alternative accommodations with a local accredited centre.
- The HWSETA reserves the right to place learners at any assessment centre. The accreditation of the assessment centre does not entitle placement.
- Learner information must be uploaded to the QCTO's Management Information System (MIS) within twenty-one (21) days of enrolment.
- Statement of Results will be printed upon completing the Knowledge, Practical and Workplace components by the Skills Development Provider.
- Confirm the registration of learners with the QCTO at least three (3) months before the EISA date.
- Certified copies of learners' identity documents and confirmation of registration must be submitted to the HWSETA three (3) months before the EISA.

Please note: Learners will not be permitted to write the EISA without timeous confirmation of registration with the QCTO. This therefore implies that no additional learners will be allowed to write an EISA on the day of a scheduled EISA as HWSETA is strictly prohibited from including learners that are not registered with QCTO.

The HWSETA trusts that as a Skills Development Provider cooperation and adherence to the outlined processes will be followed. Kindly direct all enquiries to Dikeledi Molema on the following email address dikeledimo@hwseta.org.za.

Sincere regards,



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