



RE-ADVERTISED CONSULTANCY POSITIONS TO:

- 1. REVIEW THE SAMOA QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK AND ASSOCIATED POLICIES; AND**
- 2. REVIEW THE NATIONAL EXTERNAL MODERATION PROCESS ASSOCIATED POLICIES AND MANUAL**

The Samoa Qualifications Authority (SQA) is the principal organisation mandated to provide policy advice, regulate, quality assure and coordinate Post School Education and Training (PSET) in Samoa. Functions of the SQA in its SQA Act 2010 include:

- (d) regulate qualifications and quality standards for all Post School Education and Training in Samoa; and
- (i) determine a national qualifications structure for Samoa, including the definition of terms to ensure and maintain the national and international credibility of qualifications and the good standing of Post School Education and Training organisations.

SQA's long-term strategy is guided by the Education Sector Plan (ESP) 2019-2024 and the PSET Strategic Plan 2020-2024 with its Corporate Plan 2021-2024 guiding its work over the medium-term. Goal 3 of the Education Sector Plan (ESP) 2019 – 2024, Goals 1 and 2 of the PSET Strategic Plan 2020 – 2024 specifically establish directions of Education towards improved learning outcomes for all levels of education. In addition, the SQA Corporate Plan 2021-2024 is based on the importance that the Government of Samoa has placed upon skills and knowledge of PSET learners to be productive for a prosperous Samoa in the future.

The establishment of the Samoa Qualifications Framework as part of the Samoa Quality Assurance System is to ensure that the qualifications awarded to the learners are of quality, relevant and meet the demands and needs of the industries. Consequently the Policies have been implemented since development in 2006 with the first Review that took place in 2012. In accordance with the SQA Review Cycle and identification of gaps and areas for improvement from implementation it is timely and appropriate that the SQF and its related Policies are reviewed.

The National External Moderation Process on the other hand ensures that the Assessments are fair, valid and consistent amongst Assessors nationally on the National Competency Standards and Samoa Qualifications. Implementation of the National External Moderation identified gaps and further improvements to the process, associated policies and the Manual, thus the importance of the Review.

In line with the above, the SQA is seeking the services of two Consultants to:

- 1. Review the Samoa Qualifications Framework and its associated Policies***
- 2. Review the National External Moderation Process, associated Policies and Manual.***

Full Terms of Reference (TOR), key selection criteria and background information package are available from the SQA Office:

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Applications close on **Friday 24th March 2023 @ 4:30pm** at the Office of the Samoa Qualifications Authority. **Previous Applicants NEED NOT to re-apply.**

All applications must include a Curriculum Vitae, contact information of two referees, an outline of the methodology proposed for carrying out the activity and completing the Terms of Reference.