



ADVERTISEMENT FOR A CONSULTANT TO REVIEW THE GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF SAMOA QUALIFICATIONS AND NATIONAL COMPETENCY STANDARDS

The Samoa Qualifications Authority (SQA), is mandated in the SQA Act 2010 to “*work with national stakeholder groups to ensure standards and training requirements are established... and to regulate qualifications and quality standards for all Post-School Education and Training (PSET) providers in Samoa.*” In implementing these functions, the SQA works collaboratively with stakeholders and industries to develop Samoa Qualifications (SQs) and National Competency Standards (NCSs) for trade, technicians and professional occupations.

The Qualifications Division (QD) of SQA, is responsible for the facilitation and coordination of the development of SQs and NCSs. Its work is guided by the Pathway for Development of Samoa (PDS) FY2021/2022 – FY2025-2026, the Education Sector Plan 2019-2024 (currently under review), PSET Strategic Plan 2020-2024, and SQA Corporate Plan 2025-2027.

The development and review processes of SQs and NCSs, and the facilitation role of SQA, have evolved in practice over the years. They have reached a point where current guidelines are not reflected in the processes practiced, and current practices have highlighted gaps in the guidelines. Therefore, a need has been identified for the guidelines and all embedded documents to be reviewed. Moreover, the state of the current operational guidelines has also indicated a need to draft a ‘policy’ for the uptake of SQs and NCSs by TVET providers for program development and delivery.

In accordance with the aforementioned, SQA is seeking technical assistance to review the Guidelines for the Development of Samoa Qualifications and National Competency Standards to ensure clarity, validity, coherence, relevance and inclusiveness. From these guidelines, a policy will be developed for the uptake of SQs and NCSs.

The SQA is seeking the service of a Consultant to conduct the review of the Guidelines for the Development and Review of Samoa Qualifications and National Competency Standards.

The Terms of Reference (ToR) is available from the SQA office:

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All applications to reach the Samoa Qualifications Authority office by **Friday 13th December, 2024 @ 4pm** and must be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer.

All applications must include a Curriculum Vitae, contact information of two referees and an outline of a proposed methodology for implementation and completion of the assignment stipulated in the Terms of Reference.