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**GOVERNMENT NOTICE**

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****No. 1360****12 December 2008****NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 27 OF 1996) AND  
THE FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING COLLEGES ACT, 2006 (ACT  
NO. 16 OF 2006****APPROVAL FOR THE PHASING OUT OF THE PROGRAMMES OF THE  
NATIONAL N CERTIFICATES: N4 – 6 AND NATIONAL N DIPLOMA  
QUALIFICATIONS OFFERED AT FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
COLLEGES**

I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, Minister of Education, hereby, in terms of *Sections 3(4)(l) and 7 of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996)*, read with *section 43(1) of the Further Education and Training Colleges Act, 2006 (Act No. 16 of 2006)* approve:

1. The phasing out of the programmes of the National N Certificates: N4 – 6 and National N Diploma qualifications offered at Further Education and Training (FET) Colleges; and
2. The repeal of the following relevant policy documents:
  - (a) *Formal technical college instructional programmes in the RSA, Report 191 (97/07)*; and
  - (b) *Norms and standards for instructional programmes and the examination and certification thereof in technical college education, Report 190 (92/04)*.

The phasing out of the National N Certificates: N4 – 6 and National N Diploma qualifications will be as follows:

#### National N Certificates

National N Certificates	Date of last enrolment	Phasing out date	Date of last examination
N4	January 2009	December 2009	November 2010
N5	January 2010	December 2010	November 2011
N6	January 2011	December 2011	November 2012

#### National N Diplomas

National N Diplomas	Last date for award of Diploma	Phasing out date
N Diplomas	December 2014	December 2014

  
**G.N.M. PANDOR, MP**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

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