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Dear Colleagues

RESPONSE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE HEQSF-ALIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION

HEQSF review comment

"The design of the curriculum needs to be revised with reference to compulsory and elective modules. There is no compulsory module on research"

Response

It was difficult to express how the curriculum design is implemented and managed on the prescribed HEQSF-online format. No space was provided to specify the rules of combination for the constituent modules and, where applicable, progression rules from one year to the next. The institution however picked-up on a typographical error in terms of the total minimum credits of the qualification as indicated in section 2. The module that was removed was accidentally added to the total credits. The total credits of the Bachelor of Architecture Honours (BArchHons) should account to 160 credits. The evaluations and examinations of BArchHons are recognised by the minister concerned in terms of the provisions of the Architectural Profession Act (Act 44 of 2000). Training




experience after completion of the BArchHons qualification will be controlled by the conditions of the South African Council for the Architectural Profession. The registrar of this Council will provide information in this regard. Due to a typographical error the research component module name did not pull through correctly, which might have led the accreditation panel to believe that this qualification does not have a research component. The module *Research in Theory of Architecture* in actual fact should be called *Research Project in Architecture*, which comprises the discrete research component as required by the HEQSF. Below a module list is included to show how the curriculum should be structured and add up:

Module Code	Module name	NQF Level	Credits per module	Compulsory/ Optional	Year	Total Credits per year
Bachelor of Architecture Honours						
<i>Core modules</i>						
DESN6800	Design	8	48	Compulsory	1	160
CONS6808	Construction	8	32	Compulsory	1	160
HURB6804	History of the Urban Settlements	8	16	Compulsory	1	160
RARC6808	Research Project in Architecture	8	32	Compulsory	1	160
EOKR6804	Property Economics	8	16	Compulsory	1	160
DMET6812	Design Methodology	8	8	Compulsory	1	160
RMET6822	Research methodology	8	8	Compulsory	1	160
			Compulsory Credits: 160			
			Total Credits: 160			
			Total Credits on NQF 9: 160			

Therefore, it is requested that the above amendments are made to reflect the correct modular structure as well as minimum total credits as 160.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support in relation to the response in relation the comments made by the accreditation panel. We trust that you will find this response adequate to validate its accreditation and HEQSF alignment.

Kind regards



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