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Dear Colleagues

## **RESPONSE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE HEQSF-ALIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION**

### **HEQSF review comment**

*"The aligned programme by-and-large remains unchanged and as such could have been submitted as a Category A application. The Institution justifies the submission as a Category B programme by stating that it is associated with providing students the opportunity to better address the needs of the South African Public sector and aligning the programme with the HEQSF. To some degree, this reasoning is justifiable.*

*Clearly, in the template for the programme design, stating "modules for year 8" is a typographical error. This needs to be corrected."*

### **Response**

The comment with regard to the justifiable submission of this programme as a Category B programme is noted.

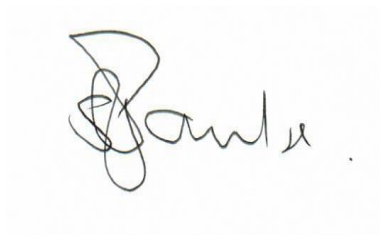
Furthermore, as part of our new, updated course catalogue we use level 7 (year 7) to reflect modules that form part of a structured masters qualification, whilst level 8 (year 8) reflect modules that form part of a research masters (full dissertation). This does not mean that this is the 8<sup>th</sup> year of study, but is important as an Institutional reference to



track modules that are unique to the qualification and qualification type. Therefore the submission was indeed correct.

We trust that you will find this response adequate to validate its accreditation and HEQSF alignment.

Kind regards

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