



Training

It has come to the attention of the National Treasury that training service providers are currently marketing their courses on municipal supply chain management even though these courses have not been accredited / validated by either the National Treasury Validation Board or LGSETA.

Responsibility

National Treasury

National Treasury is responsible to regulate training and competency standards. Training providers are required to apply to have their training material accredited by LGSETA and validated by the National Treasury. The material must be of an acceptable level of quality and consistent with the relevant SCM policy reforms and legislation.

Provincial Treasuries

Provincial Treasuries will coordinate training within their respective provinces. They are required to submit the training material of training providers within their respective provinces to the National Treasury for validation by the Validation Board.

Accounting Officers

Accounting Officers should ensure that supply chain management practitioners are trained in terms of the MFMA. Competency levels for financial management are under development and will be prescribed in the future.

Training Providers

The services of training providers whose training material have been validated by the Validation Board of the National Treasury may be utilised. This form of validation is aimed at giving accounting officers an indication that courses presented by these training providers are consistent with the legislation, unit standards and therefore provide value for money.

Please note that municipalities have been repeatedly advised against attending training in any MFMA related course that has not been validated and accredited by the National Treasury and LGSETA, respectively. This ensures that all training in the implementation of the MFMA is appropriate, competency-based and consistent. In other words, we seek to ensure that municipalities derive value-for-money out of any MFMA related training they attend. All this is done in line with the mandate bestowed upon National Treasury by section 83(3) of the MFMA and after extensive consultation with members of the Reference Group that participated in the development and subsequent registration by SAQA of the NQF Level Six Certificate in Municipal Finance Management.

In the instance of supply chain management, the Chief Directorate: Supply Chain Management in the National Treasury, under the leadership of Mr Henry Malinga has, in conjunction with the South African Management Development Institute (SAMDI), recently provided training in supply chain management to all high and medium capacity municipalities. This training that is in line with the Supply Chain Management Regulations issued by the National Treasury will be extended to all low-capacity municipalities with effect from January 2006.

It is the responsibility of the accounting officer to ensure that supply chain practitioners within their municipality / municipal entity are properly trained. The South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) registered a unit standard-based certificate in Municipal Financial Management Qualification as a level six qualification. Accredited courses that meet the National Treasury evaluation process will be published, as and when, on the National Treasury website. Municipalities should first check the website at www.treasury.gov.za/mfma and utilize this information to send officials on appropriate training.

Your kind co-operation is appreciated.

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