



## Training

The National Treasury is aware of the growing number of training courses offered in relation to the Municipal Finance Management Act by various training providers. Your attention is again drawn to the fact that at this stage no MFMA related courses have been accredited against the published South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) registered unit standards nor evaluated by the National Treasury's Course Evaluation Committee.

A unit standard based National Qualification Framework *Municipal Financial Management* level six qualification has been approved by the SAQA Executive Committee and it is anticipated this will be registered on 14 October 2004.

National Treasury is holding meetings with potential training providers to ensure they are fully aware of the training needs required for implementing the MFMA. Providers are invited to submit their course content to the National Treasury evaluation committee. Accredited courses that meet the National Treasury evaluation process will be published on the National Treasury website. Municipalities should first check the website and utilise this information to send officials to appropriate training. At this stage, no LGWSETA accredited training programmes with regards to the MFMA have been received for evaluation.

### Training in Budgets and Reporting

In the meantime, the National Treasury has arranged a series of intensive two-day training courses in municipal budgeting and related matters that are aimed at assisting municipalities give effect to the provisions of the MFMA when preparing and monitoring budgets as well as reporting on performance. This training is offered free of charge and directed at senior managers and financial interns. The first ten of these two-day interactive training sessions is for the **high** capacity municipalities during the period 4 October – 5 November 2004. The next eighteen will be targeted at **medium** capacity municipalities and are scheduled between 8 November 2004 and 25 February 2005. Thereafter, similar training will be offered to all **low** capacity municipalities before June 2005. Other related training on the MFMA will be provided thereafter. Invitations will be emailed to each municipality in advance of the scheduled dates according to the capacity level.

## Conclusion

If you receive offers of training in relation to the MFMA from any organisation other than the National Treasury, please bring this to our attention to confirm whether the training is accredited by LGWSETA or evaluated by National Treasury. A joint letter by National Treasury and SALGA will be issued shortly supporting this approach. For information concerning further developments with respect to training initiatives in various aspects of the MFMA, please visit the National Treasury website at [www.treasury.gov.za/mfma](http://www.treasury.gov.za/mfma) or email questions to [mfma@treasury.gov.za](mailto:mfma@treasury.gov.za)

Kind regards

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