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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

NO. 6343 **26 June 2025**

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (NIHSS) BOARD

I, Nobuhle Pamela Nkabane, Minister of Higher Education and Training, in accordance with the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1991) and the Regulations for Establishment of a National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) published in Government Gazette No. 37 118 on 5 December 2013, hereby request-

(a) the public;
(b) national organisations representing academics;
(c) university management staff
(d) appropriate government departments;
(e) research and science councils;
(f) others with interest in the humanities and social sciences; and
(g) relevant non-governmental organisations.

To submit to me, within 21 working days from the date of publication of this **Notice**, the names of persons who by virtue of their qualifications, knowledge and experience, may be considered for appointment as members of the NIHSS Board. Allowances to the Board Members will be in accordance with the National Treasury guidelines for remuneration.

In terms of Sub-Section 3 of the Regulations, the Board must consist of 10 members and a chairperson – who must be appointed by the Minister. As per Sub Section 4, each member of the NIHSS Board holds office for a period of four years. A nomination and declaration of interest form can be obtained at www.dhet.gov.za.

The National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) was established to enhance scholarships, research and ethical practice in the fields of the Human and Social Sciences within and through the existing and future South African universities, the higher education system and within South African society in general.

The members of the NIHSS Board are appointed by the Minister who must ensure that the membership taken as a whole-

- is broadly representative of the higher education sector;
- has knowledge and understanding of, and is committed to higher education;
- appreciates the role of the humanities and social sciences in contributing to social and economic development in the country; and
- has racial, gender and disability representativity.

Nominations, accompanied by a *curriculum vitae* of the nominee and a *letter of consent indicating availability of the nominee* to serve on the NIHSS Board if appointed, should be forwarded to:

The Director-General: Higher Education and Training
(for the attention of Administrator: email: NHISS@dhet.gov.za)
Private Bag X174, PRETORIA, 0001



Dr. NP Nkabane, MP
Minister of Higher Education and Training
Date: 24/06/2025

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