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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

NO. 8080 **22 October 2026**

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

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION

The Council on Higher Education (CHE) is an independent statutory body established in terms of section 4 of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997), as amended ("the Act"). The CHE also functions as the Quality Council for Higher Education in terms of the National Qualifications Framework Act, 2008 (Act No. 67 of 2008), as amended. It is a Schedule 3A national public entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999), as amended.

In terms of section 8(2) of the Act, the selection of the Chairperson, ordinary members and co-opted members must be undertaken in such a manner as to ensure, insofar as is practically possible, that:

- the functions of the CHE are performed according to the highest professional standards;
- the membership of the CHE, taken as a whole, is broadly representative of the higher education system and related interests;
- the membership of the CHE, taken as a whole, has deep knowledge and understanding of higher education and research;
- the membership appreciates the role of the higher education system in reconstruction and development;
- the members have a known and attested commitment to the interests of higher education;
- due attention is given to representivity of the CHE on relevant grounds, including race and disability; and
- the members contemplated in section 8(1)(b) and (c) consist of equal numbers of women and men.

In addition, at least three of the ordinary members appointed in terms of section 8(5) must be external to the higher education sector and must be appointed on account of their particular experience and expertise.

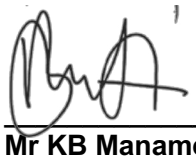
The term of office of the current ordinary members of the Council on Higher Education expires on 14 December 2026. Therefore, I, **Mr Kgwaridi Buti Manamela**, Minister of Higher Education and Training, hereby invite nominations for the appointment of up to thirteen (13) ordinary members of the CHE Council for a period of four years, commencing on 15 December 2026, from:

(a) the public;
(b) national organisations representing higher education students, academic employees, employees other than academic employees, university principals, principals of universities of technology, principals of higher education colleges, principals of private higher education institutions, the further education sector, the distance education sector, educators, organised business and organised labour;
(c) research and science councils; and
(d) non-governmental organisations.

The deadline for the submission of nominations is **16:30** on the **21st working day** from the date of publication of this Notice, calculated inclusively of the publication date. A nomination and declaration of interest form can be obtained at www.dhet.gov.za.

Nominations, accompanied by a curriculum vitae of the nominee and a letter of consent indicating the availability of the nominee to serve on the CHE Council, should be forwarded to:

The Director-General: Higher Education and Training
(for the attention of Ms Seputu Mampane: email: Mampane.S@dhet.gov.za)
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Mr KB Manamela, MP
Minister of Higher Education and Training
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