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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING**NO. 918****15 AUGUST 2016****POLICY FOR THE POST-SCHOOL EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRAL APPLICATION SERVICE**

I, Dr Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, MP, Minister of Higher Education and Training, hereby publish the *Policy for the Post-School Education and Training Central Application Service* as input to the intended establishment of a Post-School Education and Training Central Application Service.

The *Policy for the Post-School Education and Training Central Application Service* should be read in conjunction with other policy documents affecting Post-School Education and Training (PSET) institutions in South Africa and is part of a broader focus on building the capacity of the post schooling system.

The Central Application Service (CAS) is a crucial move towards supporting informed access to universities and other post-school opportunities for students, and to make the choices and placement of students across the system more effective. Its primary aim will be to offer advice and support to students applying for PSET opportunities, to allow them to pay a single application fee, and to facilitate their applications to more than one institution if necessary.

The Policy provides a statement for the establishment of the PSET CAS and the governance structures and operational rules that will enable its successful launch and sustained service to the applicant community. It includes an overview of the policy context, defines the scope of the Policy and the PSET CAS, describes the key responsibilities of stakeholders involved in and affected by the PSET CAS, and proposes transitional arrangements that enable the preparation for and eventual operational launch of the PSET CAS.

The full document is available at the Department of Higher Education and Training's website (www.dhet.gov.za).

All interested persons and organizations are invited to comment on the draft Policy. Comments should reach the Department not later than 31 days after the publication of this gazette.

Comments should be directed to Dr EL Van Staden (email: vanstaden.e@dhet.gov.za).

The name, address, telephone number or fax number of the person, governing body or organization responsible for submitting comments must also be provided.



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