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VALPAC CHANGES AND UPDATES

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VALPAC UPDATES

- The new qualification codes and course codes for element 005 and element 034 have been implemented in SQLValpac for 2015.

- The new education cesms have been included in SQLValpac.

- Institution names have been corrected in terms of the gazettes, e.g DUT and WSU. The change for Nelson Mandela University will only be implemented from 2016.

- The reports have been developed reflecting all the new qualification types and course codes. The B Tech, Advanced Diploma and PCGE have been separated out into their own columns for tables 2.12 and 2.13. In table 2.13 the Doctoral degree has been separated into two columns one for research and one for non-research.

VALPAC UPDATES

- SQLVALPAC has been released and it has been acknowledged that it is a complex installation. It was for this reason that initially the DHET never wanted to change to SQL. When there is a notification sent out regarding an update please download the update and use that version for data submissions. It has come to our attention that not all institutions are doing this. Institutions do not need to re-install the application they only have to overwrite the old exe with the new exe.

- DHET is still testing the HEMIS software and we are experiencing problems due to bad data in the 2nd submission. Please clean up your data based on the validation reports, e.g element 018, the cesms, the qual types. Blanks have been found for element 031 and element 034. Incorrect data in element 018. Courses listed as pre-tertiary – will not be funded.

VALPAC UPDATES

- Proposed changes going forward:-

  – Being able to identify all sources of funding for students including if they are fee paying students.

  – An indicator to identify students who are in their first year of study for Masters and Doctoral degrees in order for DHET to undertake cohort studies for these students.

  – A new indicator in the staff data in order to be able to identify senior staff according to their rank such as VCs, Deans etc

  – Any changes required in terms of the new ECP policy.

RANKING OF QUALIFICATION TYPES

RANK	QUALTYPE	DESCRIPTION
0	NA	Not Applicable
0	ZZ	ZZ Occasional Study
1	11	11 Ugrd Diplom/Certift(1/2 yr)
1	41	41 HEQF Higher Certificate
1	42	42 HEQF Advanced Certificate
1	60	60 HEQSF Higher Certificate
1	61	61 HEQSF Advanced Certificate
2	62	62 HEQSF Diploma(240)
3	43	43 HEQF Diploma
3	63	63 HEQSF Diploma(360)
3	01	01 Undergrd Diplom/Certif 3yrs
4	02	02 General Acad Bach Degre
4	33	33 Professional 1st Degree 3yr
4	45	45 HEQF Bachelor's Degree(360)
4	66	66 HEQSF Bach Degree(360 NQF=7)

RANK	QUALTYPE	DESCRIPTION
5	03	03 Prof 1st Bach Degree >3 yrs
5	46	46 HEQF Bachelor's degree (480)
5	67	67 HEQSF Bach Degree (480 NQF= 7)
5	68	68 HEQSF Bach Degree (480 NQF= 8)
6	04	04 Post-grad Diplom/Certift
6	44	44 HEQF Advanced Diploma
6	64	64 HEQSF Advanced Diploma
6	65	65 HEQSF Postgraduate Cert in Edu
7	05	05 Post-grad Bachelor's Degree
7	71	71 HEQSF Adv Bachelor's Degree
8	06	06 Honours Degree
8	47	47 HEQF Postgraduate Diploma
8	48	48 HEQF Bachelor Honours Deg
8	69	69 HEQSF Postgraduate Diploma
8	70	70 HEQSF Bachelor Honours Degree

RANK	QUALTYPE	DESCRIPTION
9	07	07 Masters Degree
9	49	49 HEQF Master's Degree
9	72	72 HEQSF Master's Degree
9	73	73 HEQSF Prof Master's Degree
10	08	08 Doctoral Degree
10	50	50 HEQF Doctoral Degree
10	74	74 HEQSF Doctoral Degree
10	75	75 HEQSF Prof Doctoral Degree

AUDIT CHANGES and HELP FILES

The audit guidelines will continuously be updated as and when required by the Auditor General and eventually in terms of the revised funding formula.

A new software contractor will be appointed shortly and they will be requested to work through the help files with Norman Nkwana and update everything except the Glossary.

The Glossary will be updated as soon as the new extended curriculum programme policy has been finalised.

QUESTIONS?

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