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# DHET Perspective on PQM and HEQSF Issues

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## Presentation Content

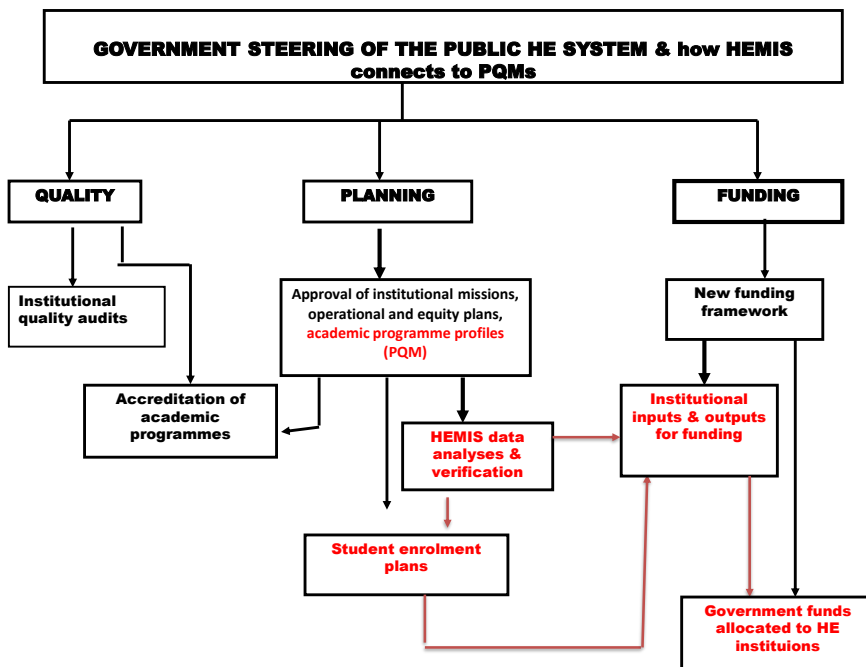
- **What a PQM is and how it connects with HEMIS**
- **HEQSF Aligned PQM Process – an Update**
- **Current HEQSF-Aligned PQM Issues**
- **How the HEQSF changed PQMs**

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### What a PQM is and how it connects with HEMIS

- List of Ministerial approved academic programmes and qualifications that a university (public higher education institution) in South Africa is allowed to offer and claim state subsidy for.
- If the programme is not on your PQM you may NOT offer it as leading to a qualification or having any credit value, and
- You CANNOT claim state subsidy for it.

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### Post-HEQSF Alignment Phase – what a PQM must look like now

- The HEQSF-alignment process is over.
- [How the HEQF and HEQSF changed the Qualification Profile of South African Universities.docx](#)
- Authority to make changes a PQM? **Only the DHET can.**
- **Continuously updated and sent to universities**
- Example of a “healthy” PQM
- [Healthy PQM.xlsx](#)
- Example of a PQM in “ICU”
- [Unhealthy PQM.xlsx](#)
- A qualification is placed on a PQM after:
  - PQM clearance by the DHET
  - Accreditation by the CHE
  - Registration of qualification on the NQF by SAQA

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### A few concerns to note:

- Submitting first to the CHE then to the DHET
- Submitting to the DHET and hoping for clearance before developing a programme
- Pressure from government departments for new programmes or changes
- Professional council/body in-principle support for new programmes or changes to existing programmes.
- Prior to Commencement Conditions
- Short-, medium-, and long term conditions
- NQF Registration – SAQA QUAL/LP ID
- The 31 December 2019 Deadline

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## Applications for new qualifications

- [Application Form For A New Qualification 2016.doc](#)
- New fields of Study (usually in a first order CESM but there are exceptions) requires a Business Plan
  - Academic capacity
  - How the Enrolment Planning targets are used to inform the proposed qualification/s
  - Infrastructure needed in terms of office staffing
  - How the infrastructure is aligned to the Department's assignable square meter per office, lecture hall, laboratory etc.
  - Costing of the project
  - Demonstrate that space utilisation has been done for the proposed qualification/s , existing and/or new facilities/ infrastructure
  - Operational capacity
  - Sustainability
  - Timeframe of milestones and activities
  - Results framework
  - Partnership agreement/s (if applicable)
- New Faculty (e.g. Engineering)
- New Medical School
- [Application Form For Changes to Existing Qualifications February 2016.doc](#)

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## Systemic & University-specific Issues for Consideration

- HEMIS sections in new application forms and why the information is compulsory
  - Qualtype Codes
  - Clev Codes
  - HEMIS credits
  - CESMs
  - Recording of HEMIS data against what is on the HEQSF-Aligned PQM (including Foundation Programmes)
  - HEMIS data used in Enrolment Planning and funding implications of incorrect HEMIS data (This afternoon)

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