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- RE:** **PHASE OUT SCHEDULE FOR NATED REPORT 191 N1 – N3 PROGRAMMES IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TVET COLLEGES FROM JANUARY 2024**

Dear All,

As part of the ongoing efforts by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) in transforming the TVET curricula to align with the skills needs of society and industry, a circular TC 0106 dated 06 September 2023 was distributed with the approved gazetted date for the phase out of N1 – N3 programmes.

Below is a guiding schedule or teaching out plan which shows the enrolment opportunities for the **last cohort** of students who will be enrolled on the NATED N1 - N3 programmes. Note that the schedule below **does not apply** to those subjects that will be retained during the transitional period for purposes of articulation and those N2 Trade theory subjects retained for providing access to apprenticeships for artisan training.

Further to this schedule, colleges are also expected to use their own discretion to accommodate students with one or two subjects who wish to come back to complete such subjects during the transitional period.

| N – programme level | First opportunity | Repeating opportunity | Last date of National Examination |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| NATED N1 | Trimester 1 2024 | Trimester 2 2024 | Trimester 2 2024 |
| NATED N2 | Trimester 3 2024 | Trimester 1 2025 | Trimester 1 2025 |
| NATED N3 | Trimester 2 2025 | Trimester 3 2025 | Trimester 3 2025 |

The DHET is currently engaging with SITA for development and programming of new subject codes to be used for the retained subjects. As soon as that process is complete the new subject codes will be communicated to all TVET colleges.

Should you require clarity or further information relating to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mr T.W. Vele at Vele.T@dhet.gov.za / 012 312 5455.

Yours sincerely



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