

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL [RFP] No TNPA/2025/03/0002/92645/RFP

DESCRIPTION: FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE BOEGOEBAAI PORT AND RAIL DEVELOPMENT MARKET RESEARCH STUDIES FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 2 of 2

DATE: 19 June 2025

Question	Answer
Questions Posed After Briefing Session	
<p>1. On the website of the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), it is mentioned that "SAQA strives to complete the evaluation process within the period of 90 calendar days from the date of receipt". However, the proposal deadline falls significantly earlier than this timeframe. Given this, would we also comply by providing legalised and apostilled academic qualification copies for each of the key personnel?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The certificate of evaluation from the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) is a statutory requirement for foreign qualifications in South Africa. This requirement is mandated by the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Act, 67 of 2008, which ensures that foreign qualifications are recognized and comparable to South African qualifications. The legalised and apostilled academic qualification copies will not serve the purpose of determining the specific NQF level and comparability of the foreign qualification with South African National Qualifications Framework but rather confirms the authenticity of the qualification which will not enable the TNPA evaluation committee to confirm the NQF Level of the foreign qualification. The SAQA certificate of evaluation is thus required to accompany all foreign qualifications submitted for evaluation. • Where the certificate of evaluation from the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) for a foreign qualification is not submitted, a score of zero will be allocated for the respective criterion.
<p>2. We would like to confirm whether, in the event that SAQA certificates for team members with foreign qualifications are still being processed, proof of application (e.g. acknowledgement letters from SAQA) can be submitted with the bid as an interim measure. Would this meet compliance requirements pending final evaluation results?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where the certificate of evaluation from the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) for a foreign qualification is not submitted by the closing date and time, a score of zero will be allocated for the respective criterion.