



**PROPERTY PRACTITIONERS  
REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**Summary of New Standards and Pathways of Education and Training for  
the Real Estate Sub-sector in terms of Regulation 33 of the  
Property Practitioners Act**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 In terms of the Property Practitioners Act, 22 of 2019, the PPRA has a responsibility to set and develop education and training standards for property practitioners.

**2. PURPOSE**

2.1 The purpose of this communicate is to provide clarify on how the PPRA will be implementing the new Standards of Education and Training for the real estate sub-sector with effect from 1 July 2024 for:

- Existing principal property practitioners;
- Principal property practitioners wishing to downgrade to non-principal property practitioner status;
- Aspirant principal property practitioners;
- Existing non-principal property practitioners;
- Existing candidate property practitioners; and
- Aspirant or new entrants wishing to join the real estate sub-sector as candidate property practitioners for the first time.

2.2 A more detailed explanation of the summary provided below may be found on the following link:

[implementation of the standard of education and training for the real estate sub sector \(1\).pdf](#)

2.3 The PPRA will be conducting a webinar on **20 June 2024** to provide further clarity on the new learning and education pathways to be followed in the real estate sub-sector.

### 3. PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF PROPERTY PRACTITIONERS AFFECTED:

Category of property practitioners	Requirements to be met by 30 June 2024 and from 1 July 2024 (whichever is applicable)	Consequences for non-compliance with the requirements by 30 June 2024
<p>1. Existing principal property practitioners with no formal qualifications, who have not acquired the old NQF 5 educational qualification (i.e. the National Certificate: Real Estate, SAQA QUAL ID 20188 and failed to complete PDE 5.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrol for the old NQF 5 qualification by no later than 30 June 2024.</li> <li>Upon qualifying for NQF5, write and pass the PDE5.</li> </ul>	<p>1. The principal property practitioner will be required enrol for and complete the new Higher Occupational Certificate: Principal Real Estate Agent SAQA QUAL ID 121691 ("new Occupational qualification") via an accredited Skills Development Provider ("SDP").</p> <p>2. The principal property practitioner will not be allowed to renew their FFC when the current FFC expires.</p>
<p>2. Existing principal property practitioners who have already acquired the old NQF 5 educational qualification (i.e. the National Certificate: Real Estate, SAQA QUAL ID 20188 or have been exempted against this qualification but failed to complete PDE 5.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write and complete PDE 5.</li> </ul>	<p>1. The principal property practitioner will not be allowed to renew their FFC when the current FFC expires.</p>
<p>3. The principal property practitioner who wishes to downgrade to the status of a non-principal property practitioner and does not have any formal qualifications.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrol for the old NQF 4 qualification (i.e. the Further Education and Training Certificate: Real Estate, SAQA QUAL ID 59097) by no later than 30 June 2024.</li> <li>Upon qualifying for NQF4, write and pass PDE4.</li> </ul>	<p>1. The property practitioner will not be allowed to renew their FFC when the current FFC expires.</p>
<p>4. The principal property practitioner who wishes to downgrade to the status of a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write and complete PDE 4 unless they completed it before.</li> </ul>	<p>1. The property practitioner will not be allowed to renew their FFC when the current FFC expires.</p>

<p>non-principal property practitioner and has acquired the old NQF 5 educational qualification (i.e. the National Certificate: Real Estate, SAQA QUAL ID 20188 or has been exempted against this qualification.</p>		
<p>5. Existing non-principal property practitioners with no formal qualifications, who have not acquired the old NQF 4 educational qualification (i.e. the Training Certificate: Real Estate, SAQA QUAL ID 59097 and failed to complete PDE 4.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrol for the old NQF 4 qualification by no later than 30 June 2024.</li> <li>Upon qualifying for NQF 4, write and pass PDE 4.</li> </ul>	<p>1. The non-principal property practitioner will be required enrol for and complete the new Occupational Certificate: Real Estate Agent SAQA QUAL ID 118714 (“new Occupational qualification”) via an accredited Skills Development Provider (“SDP”).</p> <p>2. The non-principal property practitioner will not be allowed to renew their FFC when the current FFC expires.</p>
<p>6. Existing non-principal property practitioners who have already acquired the old NQF 4 educational qualification (i.e. the Training Certificate: Real Estate, SAQA QUAL ID 59097 or have been exempted against this qualification but failed to complete PDE 4.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write and complete PDE 4.</li> </ul>	<p>1. The non-principal property practitioner will not be allowed to renew their FFC when the current FFC expires.</p>
<p>7. Non-principal property practitioners aspiring to open their own real estate enterprise and become principal property practitioners from 1 July 2024. They are in possession of either the old or the new NQF5 qualification or have been exempted from these qualifications and have completed PDE4.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Register for and complete PDE 5 and may thereafter open their own real estate firm.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>8. Existing candidate property practitioners who failed to comply with the requirements of the 2008 Education Regulations (i.e. failed to complete and submit the intern logbook, complete the Further Education and Training Certificate: Real Estate, SAQA QUAL ID 59097 requirement and complete PDE 4).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrol for the old NQF 4 qualification by no later than 30 June 2024.</li> <li>• Submit a compliant intern logbook by no later than 30 June 2024 failing which they will be required to submit a letter co-signed by their principals and/or mentors confirming completion of the logbook and 12-month internship.</li> <li>• Upon qualifying for NQF 4, write and pass the PDE 4.</li> </ul>	<p>1. The candidate property practitioner will not be allowed to renew their FFC when the current FFC expires.</p>
<p>9. Existing candidate property practitioners who have already acquired the old NQF 4 educational qualification (i.e. the Training Certificate: Real Estate, SAQA QUAL ID 59097 or have been exempted against this qualification but failed to complete PDE 4.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write and complete PDE 4.</li> </ul>	<p>1. The candidate property practitioner will not be allowed to renew their FFC when the current FFC expires.</p>
<p>10. Aspirant candidate property practitioner with no formal qualifications and with no FFC from 1 July 2024.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The aspirant candidate property practitioner or new entrant enrolls to complete the new Occupational Certificate: Real Estate Agent SAQA QUAL ID 118714 ("new Occupational qualification").</li> <li>• Enrolment must be completed via an accredited Skills Development Provider ("SDP").</li> <li>• Upon completing the Knowledge and Practical modules of the new Occupational qualification, the aspirant candidate property practitioner or new entrant submits a valid and certified proof of completion and/ or the statement of results to the PPRA.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The aspirant candidate property practitioner or new entrant registers and is issued with a valid FFC as a candidate property practitioner and immediately commences with the Work Experience module of the new Occupational qualification which must be completed within the prescribed 180 days of being issued an FFC.</li> <li>• Upon completion, the candidate property practitioner or new entrant submits a valid and certified proof of completion and/or the statement of results to the PPRA.</li> <li>• Once EISA is completed and a qualification awarded, a candidate becomes eligible to write PDE 4.</li> <li>• Upon passing PDE4, a candidate property practitioner is awarded a PPRE designation and becomes a non-principal property practitioner.</li> </ul>	
<p>11. An aspirant candidate attorney who has been granted an equivalency exemption by virtue of an existing qualification and with no FFC from 1 July 2024.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply for and is granted an FFC as a candidate property practitioner.</li> <li>• Commence with the six (6) practical training modules which must be completed within 180 days of being issued an FFC as a candidate property practitioner.</li> <li>• Once the above are completed, the candidate property practitioner submits confirmation of completion of the required practical training modules and is eligible to write PDE 4 for non-principal property practitioners.</li> </ul>	N/A

#### 4. SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROVIDERS

A list of accredited SDPs can be obtained from the following:

[www.serviceseta.org.za](http://www.serviceseta.org.za) OR [www.qcto.org.za](http://www.qcto.org.za)

Helpful Links:

<https://lms.servicesseta.org.za/Home/SDPSearch>

<https://www.qcto.org.za/databases-of-sdps.html>

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