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**NON-RELEASE OF THE UPDATED ORGANISING FRAMEWORK FOR OCCUPATIONS
STRUCTURE**

The Organising Framework for Occupations (OFO) is continuously updated and released by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) every second year for implementation by SETAs and industry stakeholders. The OFO version 2023 was not released due to the technical challenges with the OFO system within the Department.

The Department is still unable to release the updated OFO structure as expected due to the unavailability of the OFO system. It is not clear by when the issue will be resolved however the Department is working towards resolving the matter as a matter of urgency. The SETAs and stakeholders are requested to continue utilizing the OFO version 2021 for the 2024/2025 financial year reporting and 2025/2026 planning documents while waiting for the updated OFO structure. As soon as the OFO version has been uploaded on the DHET website it will be communicated to the SETAs accordingly.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and your cooperation in this regard is always appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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