



COUNCIL FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IN GENERAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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The Principal
UNITY COLLEGE

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Dear Sir/Madam

CONFIRMATION OF ACCREDITATION CANDIDACY STATUS COMBINED OR SENIOR SCHOOLS

The main purpose of Umalusi's annual monitoring exercise is to assess the school's current state of compliance with Umalusi's provisional accreditation criteria.

A comprehensive desktop evaluation was conducted of the 2005 - 2007 monitoring reports and portfolio of evidence submitted by your institution. The evaluation report was moderated to ensure that your submission was fairly evaluated. The desktop evaluation indicated that your school was fully compliant with the requirements and was therefore recommended as an accreditation candidate. Subsequently your school's full compliance was verified through a site visit that was conducted by Umalusi in August 2008.

We are therefore pleased to confirm the provisional accreditation of **UNITY COLLEGE as an accreditation candidate**. Your period of provisional accreditation as an accreditation candidate commences on 01/11/2008. You will be expected to demonstrate your continued compliance by submitting an annual monitoring report by 27th May 2009

During this period, **UNITY COLLEGE** is provisionally accredited to offer:

- The National Senior Certificate, which includes the curriculum as captured in the National Statements (Grades R-12) as developed by the Department of Education and adapted for the special status of this school as a Special Needs School .

Please note that provisional accreditation does not attest to the quality of qualifications or programmes offered beyond those specified above.

During the period of provisional accreditation, the school is expected to:

- Submit an annual monitoring report. This report is intended to ensure continued compliance with provisional accreditation criteria;
- Attend provider workshops annually in September; and
- Ensure that its internal policies are implemented, effectively monitored and reviewed.

Schools will be invited to apply for full accreditation once the process has been piloted by Umalusi. Schools will be informed of this in the near future.

Marketing:

On receipt of this letter you may continue to publicly promote your provisional accreditation status but are restricted to the following wording:

“Provisionally accredited by Umalusi, Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education and Training”

Please take note that provider institutions may not use the Umalusi logo under any circumstances. If this is violated Umalusi will not hesitate in taking the necessary legal steps.

Listing of Provisionally Accredited Providers:

The names of provisionally accredited providers will be listed on Umalusi’s website which may be accessed at, www.umalusi.org.za.

We congratulate you on the extension of your provisional accreditation and being confirmed as an accreditation candidate. We look forward to a long and constructive relationship with your institution.

Yours sincerely

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APPENDIX 1

Provider support: For additional support please contact our offices – you can speak to Heather Erasmus 012 349 1510 x 221 or email heather@umalusi.org.za

Provider Site-visits:

Umalusi may conduct one or more verification site visits during the period of provisional accreditation and retains the right to withdraw provisional accreditation should it be found that the school does not comply with the necessary requirements.

Candidate for full accreditation:

All independent schools must continue to view the extension of the provisional accreditation period as a developmental phase and are required to develop the necessary levels of quality to meet full accreditation within this period.

Once a school has demonstrated full compliance with the criteria for institutional accreditation, complies with the curriculum requirements of Umalusi and obtains a satisfactory site-visit report, they will be required to proceed with Self-evaluation Part B, which will ultimately result in an extended site visit and may lead to full accreditation. The full accreditation process is discussed in detail in the *Framework for Institutional Accreditation and Monitoring in General and Further education and Training* which is available on the Umalusi website.

Information collected during the monitoring process will also be evaluated to inform the improvement of current practices and future planning, programming and decision-making in the various sectors, and will form the basis of a general report to the Umalusi Council and the Minister of Education.

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