

Keeping stakeholders informed about developments within the Seta environment

### **Setas move to the Department of Higher Education and Training**

As gazetted on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009, Setas moved from the Department of Labour (DoL) to the Department of Higher Education and Training on 1 November 2009. The Skills Development Act (SDA) and Section 9 of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Act have also moved to the Department of Higher Education and Training (DoHET).

### **Seta operating licenses**

Minister Nzimande has gazetted a one-year extension of current Seta operating licenses, allowing Setas to continue to operate in their current format until 31 March 2011. The National Skills Development Strategy (NSDS) II has also been “rolled over” for another year.

The one-year extension of the current Seta model and NSDS II will enable the Minister to critically review the current Seta landscape and national strategy before implementing any changes.

Setas that have applied for re-licensing have been asked to review their Action Plans, to ensure that applications are aligned with institutes of tertiary education and government policy. Where necessary, Setas will re-submit their application for re-licensing.

Greater clarity regarding the future Seta landscape and national strategy will only be obtained once the Seta Indaba has been convened. The Minister has undertaken to host such an Indaba within the first half of 2010.

In the interim, Minister Nzimande has not ruled out the possibility of reducing the number of Setas. The future Seta landscape will seek inter alia, to improve alignment between Setas, HETs and FETs and to pursue collaborative partnerships between Setas, the National Skills Fund (NSF), universities and FETs.