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IMPORTANT NOTICE IN RESPECT OF FRAUDULENT FIREARM TRAINING CERTIFICATES PRESENTED BY APPLICANTS

1. It has come to the attention of this office that fraudulent and illegal proficiency certificates are being issued by institutions which are not properly accredited.
2. Due to the practices of unscrupulous training providers and non-compliant entities issuing fraudulent firearm training certificates, new Quality Assurance requirements have been introduced.

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3. The delegated Quality Assurer of the Firearm Training Qualification 50480 and its associated unit standards is the PFTC. As per NQF Act, 2008 (Act 67 of 2008) read together with the QCTO/ PFTC Delegation Agreement.
4. All Training Provider Certificates presented to the SAPS at Station level, and in particular to DFO's, must with immediate effect, only be accepted if accompanied by a PFTC Statement of Results (SoR).
5. Previous Training Certificates completed before 2015 remain valid and may still be accepted if presented together with the relevant SASSETA Certificate or the PFTC Statement of Results (SoR). Only SASSETA Certificates dated 2014 or earlier may be accepted by a DFO.
6. No Institution may issue a Firearm Training Certificate for the purposes of applying for a Competency Certificate or Firearm License if it is not accredited with the PFTC.
7. In terms of Regulation 7(1), an applicant who applies to be accredited to provide training in the use of firearms for the purpose of section 20(2)(b) of the Act must, in addition to the relevant information required by the Regulation 2 submit-
 - (a) a written undertaking that only a relevant training course in respect of testing and training in the use and handling of firearms which complies with the requirement of the South African Qualifications Authority Act, 1995 (Act 29 of 1995) read with the Skills Development Act, 1998 (Act 97 of 1998) will be used to train persons;
 - (b) a description of the security measures pertaining to the storage, transport and safe custody of the firearms to be issued in the training.
 - (c) a written undertaking that any practical training or testing which will involve the actual firing of a firearm will only be conducted at an accredited shooting range; and
 - (d) documentary proof that the applicant is registered in terms of South African Qualifications Authority Act, read with the Skills Development Act, with the PFTC as a Training Provider to provide the training as contemplated in Section 9(2)(q)(r) and (s) of the Act.
8. The Central Firearms database indicates a total number of 282 Institutions accredited as firearm training providers, but please be advised that this list changes on an ongoing basis.
9. The Designated Firearms Officers are instructed to ensure that the information contained on the Training Provider Certificate corresponds with the information contained on the PFTC SoR (Training Centre Name, Accreditation Number, Learner Name and ID Number, Unit Standard Number and Title).
10. The DFO's should verify the authenticity of the Training Provider by logging on to the SAPS website: www.saps.gov.za. A list of PFTC Accredited Training

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Providers is available on the PFTC website www.pftc.co.za under "Downloads". This list is updated weekly and will reflect Accredited Training Providers, as well suspended and de-accredited Training Providers.

11. This circular must be disseminated to all Designated Firearms Officers for necessary compliance.
12. Your kind cooperation is highly appreciated.


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