



REVISED CLARITY NOTICE ON 30 JUNE 2023 DEADLINE ON COMPLIANCE WITH EDUCATION REGULATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

This serves to provide clarity on the previously issued communique regarding the 30th June 2023 deadline on compliance with Education Regulations, as follows:

1. Who is not affected:

1.1. Candidate Property Practitioners (intern estate agents) who, according to the records of the PPRA, have NOT been registered as candidate property practitioners (intern estate agents) for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) months, calculated as from the date of the first issue to such persons of a valid candidate fidelity fund certificate and are in the process of complying with Education Regulations, by the end of their 24th month, by:

- 1.1.1. Submitting the prescribed intern logbook and associated portfolio of evidence;
- 1.1.2. Obtaining the prescribed FETC in Real Estate (NQF Level 4); and
- 1.1.3. writing and passing the PDE 4 Authority exam.

1.2. It is emphasized that Candidate property practitioners (estate agents) who at the end of the 24th month continue to be non-compliant with Education regulations as set out above, in full, will be rendered disqualified and will face the consequences outlined in clause 3 below. This will apply unless a valid exemption from any non-compliance has been granted.

1.3. Other property practitioners/estate agents who have complied with the regulations for a full status non-principal property practitioner agent being:

- 1.3.1. Successfully completed all aspects of the required internship
- 1.3.2. Successfully completed NQF Level 4 FETC in Real Estate
- 1.3.3. Successfully completed the PDE 4 Authority exam.

1.4. Other property practitioners/estate agents who have complied with the regulations for a principal property practitioner, being:

- 1.4.1. Successfully completed all aspects of the required internship
- 1.4.2. Successfully completed NQF Level 4 FETC in Real Estate

- 1.4.3. Successfully completed the PDE 4 Authority exam.
- 1.4.4. Successfully completed the NQF Level 5 FETC in Real Estate.
- 1.4.5. Within 2 years of attaining 1.4.4 above, has successfully completed the PDE 5 Authority exam.
- 1.4.6 Alternatively, an exemption has been officially and validly granted from any of the above, where applicable.

2. Who is affected:

- 2.1. Candidate property practitioners (intern estate agents) who, according to the records of the PPRA, have continuously been registered as candidate property practitioner/intern estate agent for a period exceeding 24 months, calculated from the date of the first issue to such persons of a valid candidate fidelity fund certificate and have not yet submitted a signed-off logbook and/or have not met the prescribed qualification FETC in Real Estate (NQF Level 4), and/or have not written and passed PDE 4 for non-principal property practitioners.
- 2.2. Property Practitioners who are full status non-principal property practitioners (non-principal estate agents) who have not met the prescribed qualification, FETC in Real Estate (NQF Level 4) and/or have not written and passed PDE 4 for non-principal property practitioners/ (non-principal estate agents).
- 2.3. Principal property practitioners who have not met the prescribed qualification, National Certificate in Real Estate NQF Level 5 and/or have not written and passed PDE 5 for principal property practitioners. This applies unless the property practitioner has evidence that he/she was officially exempted from the applicable requirement above.

3. Result of non-compliance:

- 3.1. Affected property practitioner/estate agents in paragraph 2 above, who on the 30th of June 2023 have not complied with the requirements, will be rendered disqualified and will automatically be blocked on the PPRA system effectively from 03 July 2023. This means that, in terms of s50(b)(ii) Act 22/2019, they may not be issued with a further FFC when they wish to renew their FFC.
- 3.2. Since no FFC will be issued to them after the expiry of their current FFC, and they will accordingly be unable to operate.
- 3.3. Such a property practitioner will be unable to operate and obtain an FFC until they have fully complied with the education and training requirements that are applicable for the sub-sector on the expiry date of their FFC and in terms of Regulations 33 of the PPA.
- 3.3. Their current registration and FFC remains valid and permits them to continue to trade until the current FFC expires.

4. Remedial Action to resolve the disqualification.

The disqualification block may be lifted by the following process:

- 4.1. Property practitioners are requested to submit an **application within 60 days** of the disqualification, to request an extension of six (6) months within which the property practitioner/estate agent will

ensure that they become fully compliant with the above.

4.2. The application must be made by using the Affidavit which will be emailed to the affected persons with the disqualification notice or letter. The affidavit must be accompanied with letter signed by the applicant together with supporting documents on how the applicant will ensure they comply within the extended six (6) months.

4.3. The application must be submitted to the below application address within 60 days of the disqualification, in which case no payment or cost will apply.

4.4. This application together with supporting documents and signed affidavit must be addressed to: like educompliance@theppra.org.za

4.5. Upon receipt of the application, the PPRA will consider the application and approve or reject the request for an extension, and advise the applicant within 30 days of receipt of such application.

4.6. If approved, the disqualification will be removed (i.e., unblocked) and a letter will be issued to the applicant, to confirm the grant of the extension for a period of six (6) months within which the applicant must fully comply.

4.7. Such persons will therefore be allowed to rectify their standard of training within the approved maximum of six (6) months from the date of the grant of extension.

4.8. A disqualification or a block will not be removed where an application was unsuccessful and where no application is received. This means the property practitioner will remain blocked until such time as they are fully compliant and have notified the PPRA of such compliance.

4.9. In such instance, and if the property practitioner's FFC has expired, the property practitioner may apply to register as a candidate property practitioner and will be required to complete education and training requirements applicable to candidate practitioners for the respective sub-sector in terms of Regulation 33 of the PPA.

4.10. If the property practitioner complies fully before the property practitioner's FFC has expired, and/or within the six-month period from the date of the disqualification notice/letter, regardless of whether the application was submitted and / or approved or not, the property practitioner's block will be removed.

4.11. Any person who fails to apply within 60 days of being notified of the disqualification, and remains disqualified at the time of expiry of the current FFC, will not be issued with an FFC at their current practicing status in terms of s50 (b) (ii), until such time that they have fully complied with the education requirements for the respective sub-sector in terms of Regulation 33. Such persons will also be required to pay any penalty which may be applicable in terms of the PPA, in order to be issued with an FFC. This penalty will be published in the PPRA's schedule of fees.

4.1.2. Property practitioners who cannot comply with the extension process or meet the require education and training requirements, may, when their current FFC expires, apply for an FFC as a candidate property practitioner and be required to comply with the requirements for candidate practitioners for the respective sub-sector in terms of Regulation 33 of the PPA.

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