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SAQA verified qualifications of persons recommended to serve on the SABC Board within two days

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The South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) would like to put it on record that it verified the qualifications of persons recommended to serve on the SABC Board within the requested two days. This is contrary to some [reports](#) that stated that SAQA had missed the Thursday, 5 October 2017 deadline.

SAQA received the written request to verify by the Department of Communications on Tuesday, 3 October 2017 at 13:48 hours and by 09:30 hours on Thursday, 5 October 2017 SAQA had completed the work and submitted the outcome to the Department. SAQA also confirmed twice via telephone that the officials within the Department had received the information before 10:00 on the same day.

SAQA has different packages and the one that was chosen by the Department is the two-day turn-around. All qualifications are verified against what is recorded on the National Learners' Records Database (NLRD) and if the information sought is pre-1992 there is a need to work through paper archives to verify the qualifications.

"It is unfortunate that SAQA's reputation has been [tarnished](#) in this way because we take our work and responsibilities seriously and we have made every effort to ensure that the Department of Communications receive the information within the requested time as well as to confirm that they had received it," said the SAQA CEO, Mr Joe Samuels.

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