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## RFP \_ Compare old B. Arch and current M. Arch curriculum

We have an issue in the Architectural Profession about the equivalence of the **old B. Arch 5/6** before the introduction of NQF level and the current **NQF Level 9 (M. Arch)**. Members of SAIA believe that the old B. Arch 5/6 is equivalent to M. Arch. However, SAQA has classified it as NQF level 8.

The argument is that under the current Higher Education Qualifications Sub-Framework HEQSF, the M. Arch is at NQF Level 9, and it is recognised as a professional qualification for registration in the category of Professional Architect. However, the 5/6-year B. Arch is widely considered to provide comparable academic and professional outcomes; therefore, there is a basis to reconsider its NQF level.

We need an independent curriculum expert to evaluate whether the old B. Arch (5/6-year) is academically and professionally equivalent to the current NQF Level 9 M. Arch, despite the South African Qualifications Authority classifying it at Level 8.

The curriculum expert must conduct an independent evaluation of the qualifications and give us a report.

### Key deliverables:

1. Compare old B. Arch and current M. Arch curriculum;
2. Apply the Higher Education Qualifications Sub-Framework level descriptors
3. Assess competencies, research depth, and complexity
4. Benchmark internationally
5. Provide a clear, evidence-based conclusion on equivalence

The expert must have a strong NQF/HEQSF and curriculum evaluation experience.

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All RFP's must be submitted before the **05 May 2026** on the following e-mail: [Elelwani.ndou@sacapsa.com](mailto:Elelwani.ndou@sacapsa.com). The attachment must not exceed 10mb.

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