

29 March 2023

CIRCULAR NO 1 OF 2023

TO:

➤ **ALL VOLUNTARY PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND ANY OTHER ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING SHERIFFS AND DEPUTIES**

- South African Sheriff Society (SASS)
- South African National Association of Progressive Sheriffs (SANAPS)
- Deputy Sheriffs Forums

AND TO:

➤ **THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

RE: SHERIFFS APPOINTED AND / OR PRACTICING WITHOUT LEGITIMATE MATRIC AND POST MATRIC QUALIFICATIONS.

1. The relevant authorities have brought it to the Chairperson's and the South African Board for Sheriffs attention (as the regulatory authority for the sheriffs' profession) that there are a great number of sheriffs who were appointed and are practicing as such, without legitimate qualifications (i.e. Matric / Grade 12 certificates and post qualifications). In other words, with fraudulent matric and post matric qualifications.
2. It goes without saying that if true, such misrepresentations and / or criminal conduct are material and those who are or were appointed as Sheriffs notwithstanding fraudulent qualifications and / or misrepresentations may have been appointed irregularly and / or unlawfully.

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3. In light of the above, the SABFS will be embarking on an investigation on the authenticity of every practicing sheriff's qualification by submitting our national register to the relevant departments of Basic and Higher Education and institutions of Higher Learning to verify the qualifications of every sheriff.
4. We request that all Sheriffs send their CV's together with certified copies of their qualifications to [**qualificationsveri@sheriffs.org.za**](mailto:qualificationsveri@sheriffs.org.za) no later than close of business on **14 April 2023**.
5. Failure to submit the information required timeously will result in those sheriffs being flagged for further investigations and audit including but not limited to, disciplinary action and reporting to the relevant authorities.

END

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