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Policy on the Evaluation of Creative Outputs and Innovations produced by South African Public Higher Education Institutions (2017)

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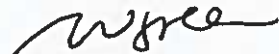
This communiqué relates to the *Policy on the Evaluation of Creative Outputs and Innovations produced by South African Public Higher Education Institutions* published in April 2017 by the Department of Higher Education and Training (the Department). The purpose of this policy is to outline criteria for the recognition and subsidy allocation the creative outputs and innovations produced by South African universities. The creative outputs that are recognised in terms of this are divided into the following subfields: Fine Arts and Visual Arts; Music; Theatre; Performance and Dance; Design; Film and Television; and Literary Arts. For innovations, the policy recognises patents and plant breeder's rights.

The policy will be implemented in 2019, and the Department has previously communicated to universities that the date for submission of claims is 15 November 2018. However, from late 2017 the Department has been receiving queries from a number of our universities indicating that they will not be ready to submit on the stated date. The Department has also experienced some delays in putting together evaluation panels and finalising submission mechanisms for the creative outputs. In light of the above, the Department wishes to communicate to all universities that the submission date for the creative outputs and innovations is now **15 July 2019**. This means that submissions that have been in the public domain in the past three years from the aforementioned date (n-3) will be eligible for subsidy claims. Information regarding

the submission mechanisms (whether claims would be submitted electronically or in hard copy or both) will be communicated to the universities later this year.

For inquiries or further information on the new policy, please do not hesitate to contact the DHET's Policy and Development Support Directorate, Mr Simon Motlhanke (Motlhanke.s@dhet.gov.za) or Ms Mmudi Maphalla (Maphalla.M@dhet.gov.za).

Yours sincerely



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