



LATEST ON THE PROGRESS IN THE GAZETTE OF THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR (ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW)	
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Intended For	All CSCC Affiliated Voluntary Associations All Industry Empowerment Practitioners Verification Agencies All Measured entities
Frequent Questions	Response
What is the latest on the Gazette Process?	<p>As of March 2017, the CSCC Alignment Negotiating team had completed the incorporation of the public comments and inputs into the draft construction sector code.</p> <p>As per gazette process, these had to be discussed and agreed upon with the DTI, who are the primary policy custodians of the process.</p>
What has caused the delay in the finalization of the gazette and how long will it take to gazette ?	<p>After several meetings were held with the DTI - as part of the technical alignment process - including meetings with the Industrial Division of the DTI, the DTI proposed that in order to support local content and localization as designated in IPAP and the black industrialist programme, the construction sector preferential and supplier development scorecard should make provisions for this.</p> <p>IPAP is the government's Industrial Participation Programme that is promoted by the DTI.</p> <p>Whilst the CSCC supported this request, we were worried about the practical difficulties presented by the measurement of the spend in respect of this. After several engagements and counter proposals, it was agreed that a phased-in approach to determine the specific nature of involving the construction industry should be agreed upon.</p> <p>This means that the gazette process will continue whilst a mechanism to phase-in the local content requirements is being investigated and agreed upon over the next 12</p>



	<p>months. The CSCC and the DTI will then issue a joint PRACTICE NOTE to communicate the measurement of this element of the scorecard.</p>
<p>Will the Revised Construction Sector Code now be gazetted without this provision, if so, what are the timelines?</p>	<p>Whilst every effort will be made by the CSCC alignment negotiating team to ensure that changes to the revised construction sector code are completed expeditiously, it is important to note that this process is in the control of the DTI.</p> <p>The DTI has agreed and committed to process the gazetting of the revised construction sector code and will commence with the sign-off immediately upon receipt.</p> <p>Since the initial deadline of the end of March 2017 could not be met, it is now envisaged that the process of gazetting the final sector code will be by the end of May 2017 or as soon as the Minister of Trade and Industry signs the gazette, whichever comes first.</p>
<p>What is the status quo in relation to the measurement of construction measured entities ?</p>	<p>Until such time that the revised construction sector code has been published and gazetted, construction sector measured entities are currently measurable in terms of the generic Codes of Good Practice managed by the DTI.</p> <p>However, as a way of dealing with the transitional process, the revised construction sector code will make provision for a re-measurement process. The section dealing with the effective date and transitional matters will make the following provisions.</p> <p><i>10.3 When the Revised Construction Sector Codes are published, measured Entities may elect to re-do the audit carried out for their current valid scorecard that was done under the provisions of Revised Generic Codes of Good Practice; under the provisions and principles of the Revised Construction Sector Codes. This audit will be done for the same financial period as their current scorecard, but under the measurement principles of the Revised Construction Sector Codes.</i></p>

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What are the CSCC Activities and programmes to prepare the industry on the effective implementation of the revised construction sector code ?

As part of the ongoing advocacy and communication of the implications of the essential elements and impact of the revised construction sector code, the CSCC will, over the next months, engage the public and industry on the following awareness activities :

- Radio, Television and Newspaper Press Releases
- Website and Social Media updates
- Conferences and Summits
- Provincial road shows

In particular, the CSCC will soon announce a date for the **UNVEILING CEREMONY** of the revised construction sector code, which will be announced after the CSCC EXCO meeting later in May 2017.

The CSCC is also in the process of engaging SANAS and ABP, regarding the plans for preparing Verification Agencies and ensuring readiness in the implementation of the revised construction sector code.

SANAS is the Agency responsible for accrediting the validity of Verification Agencies (“VA”s) in accordance with a prescribed manual, whilst **ABP** is the association that represents BBBEE Professionals, who are largely made up of VAs and Consultants.

WHERE TO FIND THE CSCC

The Construction Sector Charter Council (CSCC) is an executive authority that is responsible for the overseeing and monitoring the implementation of the sector code and is based in Johannesburg.

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