

## 6. Why should my organisation engage with the NQF – what are the consequences of not doing so?

There are various ways of addressing this question, ranging from issues of principle to pragmatic concerns. We must take into account that the NQF is a national endeavour aimed at instilling our education and training system with shared values and good quality in support of the democratic foundation of the state. We remember that it is aimed at addressing some of the inequalities of the past, but also looking forward to the needs of the future. And finally, while it is not a coercive system, the benefits of working within the NQF include practicalities around funding opportunities for providers, and goals such as aligning provision to national and recognised standards. Remaining outside the NQF deprives an organisation of standing and status linked to accreditation practices, and denies the practitioners of that organisation the opportunity to be part of a growing community of practice.

[Answer to FAQ 6, Understanding and Implementing the NQF, the NQF Gateway]