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Dear Director-General Makhode

**MINISTERIAL WAIVER FOR CRITICAL SKILLS WORK VISAS ADJUDICATED IN TERMS OF THE POINTS BASED SYSTEM.**

1. Your submission in the above regard refers.
2. Section 31(2)(c) of the Immigration Act empowers me to, upon application, under terms and conditions determined by me, for good cause, to waive any prescribed requirement or form.
3. Having engaged with the submission for the request to minister to approve a partial waiver for SAQA evaluation certificate for critical skills work visa applications adjudicated in terms of the Points Based System (PBS), I have decided to approve the application.
4. The requirements contained in regulation 18(5)(c) are partially waived for critical skills work visa applications adjudicated in terms of the Points Based System (PBS).
5. I partially waive the requirements contained in regulation 18(5)(c) for critical skills work visa applications as follows: "Proof of qualifications evaluated by SAQA and translated by a sworn translator into one of the official languages of the Republic"- Provided that in a case where the outcome of an evaluation by SAQA is not yet available at the time of application, proof of an application submitted to SAQA for evaluation will result in the critical skills work visa being issued for 12 months. In the case of submission of SAQA evaluation certificate on application, the visa will be issued for the period applicable to the relevant visa.
6. This waiver is merely permission granted to a prospective applicant to submit an application for a visa and is not granting any status.

Yours sincerely

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L.A. Schreiber'.

**DR. L.A. SCHREIBER, MP  
MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS**  
DATE: 18 October 2024