



TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF THE COMPLIANCE PERIOD FOR CANDIDATE PROPERTY PRACTITIONERS TO COMPLETE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND WRITE THE PDE 4 EXAMINATION

The Property Practitioners Regulatory Authority (PPRA) wishes to notify all property practitioners, training providers, and relevant industry stakeholders that the **Executive Committee (EXCO)** has approved a **temporary extension** of the compliance period for **candidate property practitioners** who are in the process of completing the **Occupational Certificate: Real Estate Agent (Qualification ID 118714)**. This extension is intended to provide candidates with additional time to meet all educational, workplace learning, and professional examination requirements under the new qualification pathway.

The decision by EXCO is informed by the following provisions of the Property Practitioners Regulations: **Regulation 33.2.3** stipulates that a property practitioner may not practice unless they have completed the prescribed practical training course relevant to their field and have sat for the Professional Designation Examination (PDE). **Regulation 33.4.5** provides that a person may not act as a candidate estate agent for more than 180 days without the consent of the Authority. Upon expiry of this period, the candidate must sit for the PDE 4 examination, failing which the Authority may, on good cause shown, allow a further 180 days.

Previously, EXCO had resolved to allow a 15-month compliance period (12 months for qualification and workplace learning, plus 3 months for the PDE 4 requirement). However, in recognition of the practical realities surrounding the introduction and implementation of the new **Occupational Certificate: Real Estate Agent (Qualification ID 118714)**, EXCO has decided to extend this period to support the smooth rollout of the new qualification and to accommodate the **External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA)** process, which forms an essential component of the qualification's completion requirements.

The **Occupational Certificate: Real Estate Agent (Qual ID 118714)** has introduced a more comprehensive and structured learning pathway consisting of:

- Knowledge module: Theory-based learning (contact or e-learning depending on accreditation of the SDP).

- Practical skill modules: Focused on practical skills but at a simulated environment (prior to workplace learning). Also facilitated through the SDP
- Workplace Experience modules: Gained through real work experience (work-based and not classroom based) under supervision and mentorship of the workplace mentor or the principal & managed through the SDP as part of the qualification process.
- EISA is a single, national assessment which leads to competent learners being awarded Occupational Certificates or qualifications. It is conducted by QCTO accredited assessment centres.

Due to limited accredited EISA centres, administrative delays, and scheduling constraints, many candidates have found it difficult to complete the full qualification and PDE 4 within the previously approved timeframe.

The extension applies only to candidate property practitioners who are registered for the **Occupational Certificate: Real Estate Agent (Qual ID 118714)** and the **27-month period is calculated from the date of issue of the candidate's first Fidelity Fund Certificate (FFC)**. The extension does not alter the requirements or standards of the **PDE 4 examination**. It simply allows a longer timeframe for compliance. The **EISA** remains a QCTO-administered national assessment, separate from the **PDE 4**, which is conducted by the **PPRA** in accordance with Regulation 33.2.

This measure is temporary and is introduced as a supportive intervention to assist candidates in transitioning to the Occupational Qualification model. It is aligned with PPRA's commitment to promoting professionalisation within the property sector, supporting compliance with the **National Qualifications Framework (NQF) objectives** and ensuring fairness and consistency in implementing Regulations 33.2.3 and 33.4.5.

The PPRA remains committed to ensuring a fair, transparent, and professional qualification and designation process for all property practitioners. This extension forms part of the Authority's ongoing efforts to support professionalisation and to facilitate smooth transition to the occupational qualification framework.

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