



## **Launching of Samoa Qualifications and National Competency Standards and Online Educational Resource**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

The Samoa Qualifications Authority has launched four (4) new Samoa Qualifications (SQ) and National Competency Standards (NCS) plus one (1) NCS booklet for Generic Skills

The newly launched SQs and NCSs includes;

- **Samoa Qualifications and National Competency Standards for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management**
- **Samoa Qualifications and National Competency Standards for Sustainable Energy**
- **Samoa Qualifications and National Competency Standards for Construction and Energy (Level2)**
- **Samoa Qualifications and National Competency Standards for Traditional Knowledge and Skills**
- **National Competency Standards for Generic Skills**

The development of these SQ's and NCSs undergoes through the same process which includes consultations with stakeholders and relevant industry and also forming of a Sector Advisory Group for each SQs and NCSs.

These Sector Advisory groups are made up of representatives from relevant government, non-government organisations, industry, employers and professional organisations that are responsible for scrutinizing and evaluating the development and content of these documents to ensure quality and relevance and appropriate competencies were reflected within each level each qualification so that graduates would match the requirements of the workplace.

With these newly launched SQs and NCSs, Post School Education and Training (PSET) Providers can utilize these documents by delivering or integrate NCSs into their delivered programmes.

Honorable Minister of Education Sports and Culture, Afioga Loau Solamalemalo Keneti Sio delivered the keynote address and he acknowledged stakeholders for their valuable input and feedback in the development of these SQs and NCSs that will surely be a benefit to our Samoan learners.

The second celebration of the day, was the launching of the **Online Educational Resource (OER)** this was possible with assistance of UNESCO.

The OER offers free educational resources for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and PSET educators and learners.

All the resources made available (free and downloadable for use) are to aid in the improvement of Literacy, Learning and Numeracy for the PSET and TVET Institutions.

Honorable Minister Loau mentioned *“It is indeed a celebration of achievement of additional milestones by the SQA. I would like to acknowledge the financial supports of donors who are with us this morning through the Budget Support that fuels most of the Authority’s activities such as funding the developments of books which will be in your possession soon. For the OER project, we thank UNESCO sincerely for the initiative and very much looking forward for possible extension of this project. I would also like to thank the stakeholders who contributed to these developments. Your contribution is a mark of ownership of these documents. Last but not the least, I extend word of thanks to the Board of Directors, Management and staff for the work produced and achievements launched today. It takes much patience and endurance to complete such an undertaking as we witness today.”*

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