

29th January 2010

All Members
(Per E-mail)

Re: 01st February 2010

Dear Member,

Today marks an important milestone in the roadmap for accreditation of Verification Agencies. Whilst it is my wish that all Members be accredited, I recognize that given the manner in which accreditation is implemented this could not be achieved.

I am particularly concerned about Members, who by today, have not cleared all major non-conformances with SANAS as this delay will have a negative impact on the capacity of Verification Agencies in the market which poses a threat to the success of the verification profession.

The Board took a strategic view to build sufficient industry capacity by aiming for the accreditation of all Members. We undertook various initiatives aimed at assisting Members these included commissioning the Member Assistance Program which has been updated and revised.

I would like to appeal to Members who are not in possession of a valid pre-assessment letter to urgently contact ABVA for assistance on accreditation@abva.co.za

As the Board, we will continue to engage with SANAS and look for areas where we can assist SANAS to improve the accreditation process including the time it takes to get responses from SANAS.

Yours in Verification,



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