

SAICA communication: Notice of Clarification for the Amended B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice

The Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr Rob Davies published Government Gazette Notice No 38764 on 5 May 2015, providing clarity on the 2013 Amended B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice (Amended Codes), which came into effect on 1 May 2015.

Notice No 38764 confirms that:

- All B-BBEE verifications conducted using the financial year ending before 30 April 2015 can be verified using the previous codes published in 2007.
- All B-BBEE verifications conducted using financial years ending after 1 May 2015 must be verified using the Amended Codes. However, this does not apply to the Sector Codes as the transitional period for the alignment of the Sector Codes has been extended to 31 October 2015.
- There is a possibility that Sector Codes may be repealed, if they are not aligned by the due date.
- All B-BBEE certificates issued under the previous Codes as well as the Sector Codes will remain valid for the first year of the Amended Codes (until 30 April 2016).
- Exempted Micro Enterprises and Start- Ups will now automatically be recognised as empowering suppliers.

Furthermore the Notice clarifies that black participants in Broad-Based Ownership Schemes and Employee Share Ownership Programmes can now only score points under paragraph 2.2.3 under the Ownership scorecard.

Members are encouraged to familiarize themselves with Gazette No 38764 which can be accessed from the **SAICA website** (https://www.saica.co.za/Portals/0/Technical/auditing/documents/Notice_Clarification.pdf).

Regards

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