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GRANTING OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE STATUS IN TERMS OF SECTION 27(B) OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT, 2002 (ACT NO 13 OF 2002): GRADUATES FROM SOUTH AFRICAN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS IN THE AREA OF CRITICAL SKILLS

I, Mr M K N Gigaba, MP, Minister of Home Affairs have, with the powers bestowed upon me in terms of section 31(2)(c) of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No 13 of 2002), as amended, decided to grant the following waivers in respect of applications made by foreign graduates who studied at South African tertiary institutions towards degrees in the areas of critical skills, to apply for permanent residence status contemplated in section 27(b) of the Act.

1. **Regulation 24(4)(a)(i):** "The requirement contemplated in section 27(b) of the Act shall be the submission of a certificate from the professional body, council or board recognised by SAQA in terms of section 13(1)(i) of the National Qualifications Framework Act or the relevant Department confirming the skills or qualifications of the applicant;"
2. **Regulation 24(4)(b):** "The requirement contemplated in section 27(b) of the Act shall be the submission of proof of post-qualification experience of at least five years" and
3. **Regulation 24(4)(c):** The requirement contemplated in section 27(b) of the Act shall be the submission of testimonials from previous employers and a comprehensive curriculum vitae".

These waivers are granted indefinitely and will allow foreign graduates who studied at South African tertiary institutions towards degrees in the areas of critical skills to apply for permanent residence status without the need of submitting a certificate from the professional body, council or board recognised by SAQA in terms of section 13(1)(i) of the National Qualifications Framework Act or the relevant Department confirming the skills or qualifications of the applicant, acquiring five years post-qualification experience or the need to submit testimonials from previous employers.

Signed on this 21ST day of APRIL 2016.

MR MKN GIGABA, MP
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