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### REPORT: PORTFOLIO WORKSHOP

## **26 JANUARY 2000**

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A list of participants is attached.

Although the theme of the workshop was portfolio assessment, the focus was specifically on the recognition of prior learning of ABET learners.

The workshop started with a presentation by Prof. Veronica McKay and Mr. Mike Sarakinsky from the ABET Institute at Unisa. Recently Unisa undertook a pilot project on portfolio assessment for ABET levels 1-4, in Numeracy and Language. They shared the outcome of this pilot project with the participants at the workshop.

Lively discussions took place and Prof. McKay promised to make the report on the pilot project available to all stakeholders. Participants made it quite clear that they would not be interested in any RPL development work for the HSRC unless they are remunerated for their services and have joint copy right of the instruments that would be developed. Mrs. Moore mentioned that the possibility of a partnership/s with ABET stakeholders for the development of RPL instruments would be investigated.

After the discussions, participants divided into three groups.

The first group, the generalists, identified and discussed the development of a portfolio. They identified generic issues that must be part of a portfolio. The second and third groups looked at the Numeracy (ABET level 4) and Language (ABET level 4) unit standards respectively. These learning area specialists had to determine whether a RPL portfolio could be built in the two mentioned learning areas. They also had to identify the evidence required for these portfolios.

Interesting discussions took place. The Language specialists identified a list of issues that could be included in such a RPL portfolio. However, the Numeracy specialists came to the conclusion that it would not be possible to develop a Numeracy portfolio for RPL. Other assessment activities and instrument need to be developed to support the RPL portfolio. This issue would be investigated.

Mrs. Moore mentioned that she would discuss the possibility of partnerships (for the development of RPL instruments) with Dr Kanjee.

The workshop adjourned at 15:30.

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