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Policy on the Evaluation of Creative Outputs and Innovations produced by South African Public Higher Education Institutions (2017)

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This communiqué relates to the recently published *Policy on the Evaluation of Creative Outputs and Innovations produced by South African Public Higher Education Institutions (2017)* by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET). The purpose of this policy is to recognise and reward quality creative outputs and innovations produced by South African universities. Innovations recognised by the policy are patents and plant breeder's rights; whereas recognised creative outputs are divided into the following subfields, namely: Fine Arts and Visual Arts; Music; Theatre; Performance and Dance; Design; Film and Television; and Literary Arts. The policy was published in the government gazette (Vol. 40819 28 April 2017, No. 395).

Universities are informed that the policy will be effective from January 2019, and not next year (2018). The reason for this is that fund allocations for 2017/18 have already been committed and published through the *Ministerial Statement on University Funds 2016/17 and 2017/18*. Furthermore, the Department will use 2017/18 to consult further with relevant experts on the best and most appropriate model of unit allocation within the framework of this policy.

Should you have any queries or require further information on the new policy, please do not hesitate to contact the DHET's Policy and Development Support Directorate, Mr Simon Motlhanke (Motlhanke.s@dhet.gov.za) and Ms Mmudi Maphalla (Maphalla.M@dhet.gov.za).

Yours sincerely



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