

Post-School Education and Training Information Policy

Submission of Comments

It would greatly assist the Department if all submission could be submitted in the prepared format below to Ms M Letho at Letho.m@dhet.gov.za

Commentator Name	Commentator Organization	Chapter/Section of the Information Policy	Comments	Proposal for Revision
Aitchison, J.J.W.	UKZN	3. Definitions Definition of "Community Education and Training College"	The definition is unduly narrow and dated and does not represent current policy discussions on the function and scope of Community Colleges	Post-school education and training institution that is to provide formal and non-formal education and training for youth and adults and the general community (and particularly for those who did not complete their schooling or who never attended school and who are inadequately prepared to attend a TVET or Private College or University).
		3. Definitions Definition of "Data integrity"	Definition describes a possible product of data integrity (good reputation of the data producing agency) not data integrity itself	Data integrity is the overall completeness, accuracy and consistency of data.

Aitchison JJW	UKZN	5.1.1 iii Use of the word efficiency And in other places in the document, e.g. 5.5.2	In most management discourse the word efficient is usually together with the word effective. Efficiency is about doing something fast, cheaply, on time, etc. It says nothing about whether what is done is the right thing to do, which is going to have the right impact, that will get the job done. Hence it is best to use the words together – efficiency and effectiveness – to indicate that the information system works fast and accurately and cost effectively but also produces the right data that will be truly useful.	
		5.3.2 The sentence: The Department may not make facsimile or electronic mail addresses of PSETIs and Departmental entities available for the purpose of marketing.	The intention is not clear. Presumably this means that the DHET will not sell lists of addresses to commercial companies for for-profit marketing of their products. There is no reason why the DHET or other government department might not use them for sound non-profit purposes	The Department may not make facsimile or electronic mail addresses of PSETIs and Departmental entities available to non-state entities for the purpose of commercial or other marketing purposes.