

RFP164/2024: DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACCREDITATION STRATEGY AND STANDARDIZED ACCREDITATION GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME.

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1.	As the Economist is required to have a Master's Degree in Economics / Finance / Development Studies / Humanities, would a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) suffice?	An MBA with no specialisation in economics or finance or development studies/humanities will not suffice.
2.	We note the inclusion of a financial specialist in your tender and would appreciate clarification on the Financial Specialist's role, scope of work and outputs. This clarification will help us tailor our proposal to your needs effectively.	The guidelines to be developed are required to be adopted by key stakeholders, i.e., this also includes financial institutions. Therefore, the Financial Specialist with project financial skills/experience (project finance) is essential to support the Economist with the overall development of the strategy and standardized guidelines.
3.	We would also like clarity on the envisaged role and expected outputs from the Legal Specialist.	The Legal Specialist will be required to support the Economist with legal matters, such as but not limited to, providing advice on current legal framework in respect of the accreditation of student housing; give input into the development of guidelines by ensuring simplified and transparent contractual arrangements among the Post-School Education and Training (PSET) institutions, National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) and student housing providers; give an input into a need to have the independent accreditation entity and advise on the merit thereof, etc.



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4.	The Economic Specialist is required to have a Master's degree or above and at least 10 years' of post-qualification experience. Are the required years of experience post the Master's or Bachelors's qualification?	The years of experience required are post Master's qualification.
5.	We would like to request an extension of time for the submission of the bid so that we can properly prepare a bid that responds to the DBSA's requirement.	It has been more than two weeks since the publication of the bid. The DBSA has offered bidders enough time for responses. Therefore, no time extensions will be offered on this bid.



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