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Safe Citizen Campaign – Media Release

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Good day Training Providers and Members,

We hope this message finds you well.

We would like to take a moment to update you on an important industry initiative currently underway: the Safe Citizen Campaign.

This campaign has been developed in response to growing concern around proposed changes to the firearm training framework and the potential impact on quality assurance, accessibility, and overall training standards. These concerns are not isolated; a number of organisations and stakeholders across the broader firearms industry have expressed similar views regarding the risks to the integrity of firearm training.

As the PFTC, we believe it is important to communicate transparently with our members. At present, with less than two months remaining before the current extension period lapses, we have not yet received sufficient clarity from the QCTO regarding the structure of the realigned qualification. Furthermore, there is no clear guidance on how SASSETA's proposed skills programmes are intended to align with or support this qualification.

As a result, the PFTC is not currently in a position to provide definitive implementation guidance to training providers. We recognise that this uncertainty presents real challenges for your planning and operations, and we share your concern regarding the potential impact on training continuity and standards.

The PFTC supports the Safe Citizen Campaign as a platform to raise awareness of these issues and to encourage constructive engagement across the industry. It is important that the collective voice of responsible stakeholders contributes to ensuring that any future framework protects both quality and public safety.

As training providers, assessors, and instructors, you play a vital role in upholding professional standards. The work you do directly supports the





responsible implementation of firearm legislation and helps ensure that those entrusted with firearms are adequately prepared for that responsibility.

We encourage you to take a few moments to read through the attached Safe Citizen media release. Your awareness and engagement are important as we move forward as an industry.

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Kind regards,



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