

Data Loads by Professional Bodies to the National Learners' Records Database

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- **NQF Act (Act 67 of 2008):**
- **Section 31 (a) and (b); also 13(1)(l)**

A professional body must, in consultation with the SAQA-

(a) maintain a database for the purposes of this Act;



(b) submit such data in a format determined in consultation with the SAQA for recording on the national learners' records database contemplated in section 13(1)(l).



- **Policy and Criteria....:**
- **Section 23, 30(iv), 44(v)**

30(iv) Submit a list of members in a form acceptable to SAQA;

44(v) Be linked to a validated database of the names of individuals conferred the professional designation

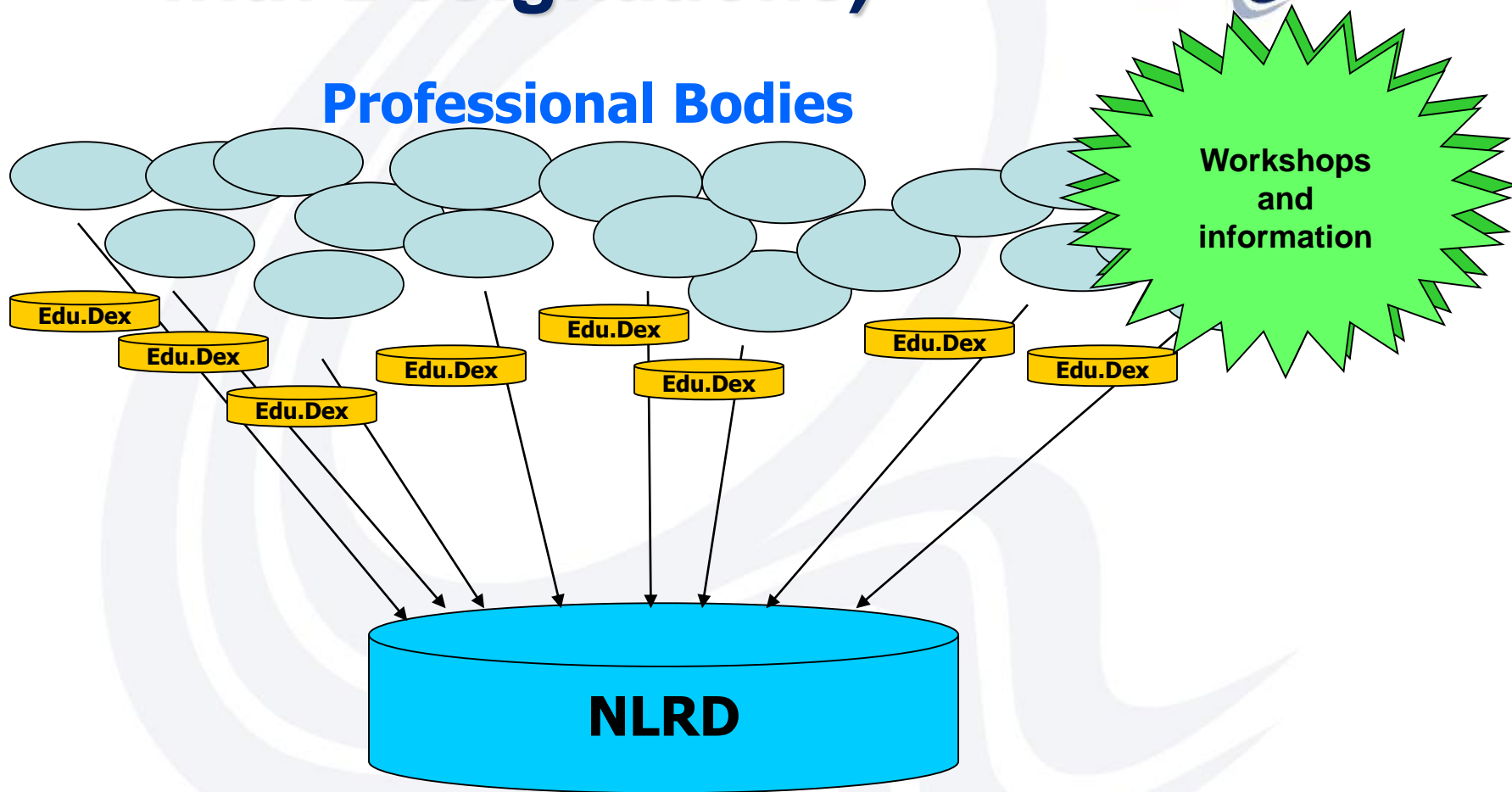
Utilisation of the Information



- **Professional Bodies should always manage and utilise their own information**
 - This includes the verification of who holds which designation (SAQA will *not* perform verifications of professional designations)
- **SAQA will:**
 - Produce aggregated statistics on professional designations, and on how these form part of overall pathways with respect to work and learning (Aggregated statistics never include identification of who holds which designations and qualifications)
 - Continue to uphold the privacy of each individual whose details are recorded in the NLRD

Data flow to the NLRD (People with Designations)

Professional Bodies



Provided Resources (1)



- **Comprehensive Load Specifications**
- **Minimum Standard for data transmission**
- **Data Testing Utility (Edu.Dex) – performs validations and gives feedback at source**

Provided Resources (2)



- **Data Loads Team & Coordinator of Data Loads**
- **Workshops**
- **“League Tables” (Compliance)**
- **Dedicated URL containing all relevant specifications, lookup tables, presentations, etc.**

Load Specifications

- www.saqqa.org.za/nlrdpbinfo.php
- Submission of two files:
 - Person Information
 - Person Designation

Load cycles:

- Two (2) annually (*both* compulsory):

1. April-May

2. October-November

Important!

Failure to submit data during these compulsory load cycles will lead to de-recognition

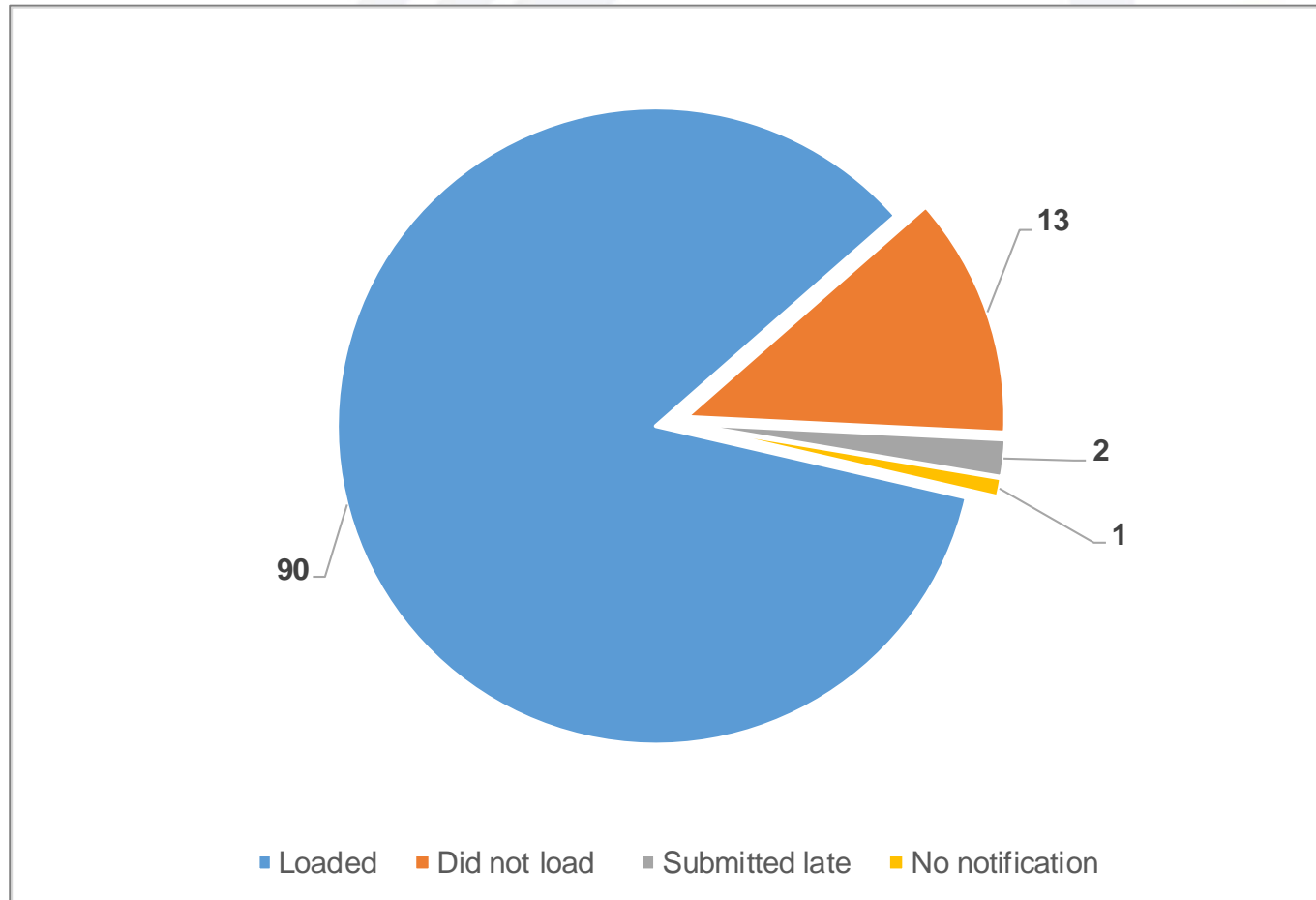
Alignment with the main functions of the NLRD



- To provide policy makers with comprehensive information to enable informed decision-making
- To provide learners and employers with proof of *qualifications* obtained

The NLRD does not, and will not, provide proof of people's professional designations. This function belongs to professional bodies.

Status Report on data loads for Professional Bodies April/May 2019



85% of Professional Bodies loaded data in the previous cycle

Thank you

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