



Qualifications and evaluation of South African Education

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Higher education

- The Higher Education and Training Sub-Framework (HEQSF)
- Levels 5 – 10
 - *Quality Council: Council on Higher Education (CHE)*
- Recognition on a year-for-year principle
- SAQA database: <http://regqs.saqa.org.za/search.php?cat=qual>

HEQSF	
Qualification (DHET)	NQF Level
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral Degree • Doctoral Degree (Professional) 	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's Degree • Master's Degree (Professional) 	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's Degree (Honours) • Post Graduate Diploma • Bachelor's Degree 	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's Degree • Advanced Diploma 	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploma • Advanced Certificate 	6
Higher Certificate	5
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Level 3	

HE qualifications in SA and NOKUTS evaluation*

- Higher Certificate: exit level 5
- Advanced Certificate : exit level 6
- (National) Diploma: exit level 6
- Advanced diploma: exit level 7
- Bachelor's degree: exit level 7 or 8
- Bachelor Honours: exit level 8
- Postgraduate diploma: exit level 8
- Master's degree: exit level 9
- Master's degree (professional): exit level 9
- Doctoral Degree: exit level 10
- Doctoral Degree (professional): exit level 10
- Exemptions: BEd., PGCE, Master's degrees in Health Sciences, Professional bachelor's degrees in Health Sciences, Advanced Bachelor's degrees.
- **based on the «new» 10-level NQF from 2008.*

Higher Certificate

- Minimum total credits: 120
- Minimum credits taken at level 5: 120
- Evaluation: ?

Advanced Certificate

- Minimum total credits: 120
- Minimum credits taken at level 6: 120
- Evaluation: ?

Diploma

- Previously known as National Diploma
- Minimum total credits: 240 or 360
- Minimum credits taken at level 6: 120
- Evaluation: The qualification is not recognized as equal to a Norwegian bachelor degree even if three years in length.
- Older Diplomas from Tekhnikons are not recognized as HE.

THE
NATIONAL DIPLOMA

ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY

is awarded to

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student number

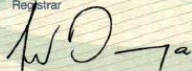
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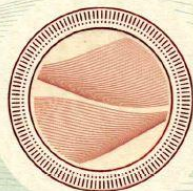
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Registrar



Vice-Chancellor



Diploma in Analytical Chemistry

SAQA QUAL ID		QUALIFICATION TITLE		
100741		Diploma in Analytical Chemistry		
ORIGINATOR				
Cape Peninsula University of Technology				
PRIMARY OR DELEGATED QUALITY ASSURANCE FUNCTIONARY			NQF SUB-FRAMEWORK	
CHE - Council on Higher Education			HEQSF - Higher Education Qualifications Sub-framework	
QUALIFICATION TYPE		FIELD	SUBFIELD	
Diploma (Min 360)		Field 10 - Physical, Mathematical, Computer and Life Sciences	Physical Sciences	
ABET BAND	MINIMUM CREDITS	PRE-2009 NQF LEVEL	NQF LEVEL	QUAL CLASS
Undefined	360	Not Applicable	NQF Level 06	Regular-Provider-ELOAC
REGISTRATION STATUS		SAQA DECISION NUMBER	REGISTRATION START DATE	REGISTRATION END DATE
Reregistered		SAQA 06120/18	2018-07-01	2021-06-30
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2022-06-30		2027-06-30		

In all of the tables in this document, both the pre-2009 NQF Level and the NQF Level is shown. In the text (purpose statements, qualification rules, etc), any references to NQF Levels are to the pre-2009 levels unless specifically stated otherwise.

This qualification replaces:

Qual ID	Qualification Title	Pre-2009 NQF Level	NQF Level	Min Credits	Replacement Status
78613	National Diploma: Analytical Chemistry	Level 6	NQF Level 06	360	Complete

Advanced diploma

- Minimum total credits: 120
- Minimum credits taken at level 7: 120
- Evaluation: We have not received any applications for this one. Recognition would be as 60 stp at the bachelors level.

Bachelor's degree

- Level 7
 - Minimum total credits: 360
 - Minimum credits taken at level 7: 120
 - Evaluation: Norwegian bachelor
- Level 8
 - Minimum total credits: 480
 - Minimum credits taken at level 8: 120
 - Evaluation: Norwegian bachelor and in addition 60 stp without level. This due to the fact that we do not have a similar level in the Norwegian NQF.



We certify that



*having complied with the requirements of the Higher Education Act
and the Institutional Statute, was admitted to the degree of*

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
(HEALTH SCIENCES AND SOCIAL SERVICES)**

with specialisation in Psychological Counselling

at a congregation of the University

on 16 April 2007

Vice-Chancellor



Executive Dean

University Registrar

UNISA



NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY
YUNIBESITHI YA BOKONE-BOPHIRIMA
NOORDWES-UNIVERSITEIT

BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING

in

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

awarded to



after complying with all the requirements

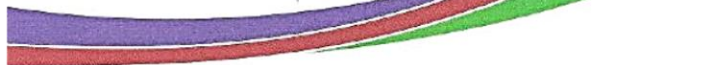
Vice-chancellor

7 March 2011



Registrar

University number [redacted]
Serial number [redacted]



This is an English translation of the content of the original certificate issued in Afrikaans and conferred at a graduation ceremony held on 7 March 2011.

NOKUT

Bachelor Honours

- Minimum total credits: 120
- Minimum credits taken at level 8: 120
- Evaluation: 60 stp when on its own. Note that we do not give a Norwegian “level” on this qualification due to its place in the SA-NQF (level 8).



RHODES UNIVERSITY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT



WAS THIS DAY AT A CONGREGATION OF THE UNIVERSITY
ADMITTED TO THE DEGREE OF

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

WITH HONOURS

IN

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

WITH DISTINCTION

VICE-CHANCELLOR

DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF COMMERCE

GRAHAMSTOWN

Postgraduate diploma

- Minimum total credits: 120
- Minimum credits taken at level 8: 120
- Evaluation: 60 stp. Note that we do not give a Norwegian “level” on this qualification due to its place in the SA-NQF (level 8).

RHODES UNIVERSITY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT



HAS COMPLETED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT

Rett kopi bekrefte

*Oslo kommune
Utdanningsetaten
Oslo Voksenopplering Skultenud*

David Woods
VICE CHANCELLOR

John White
DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF COMMERCE

Stephen Lewis
REGISTRAR

GRAHAMSTOWN

6 APRIL 2002

Postgraduate Diploma in Enterprise Management

SAQA QUAL ID		QUALIFICATION TITLE		
8077		Postgraduate Diploma in Enterprise Management		
ORIGINATOR				
Rhodes University				
PRIMARY OR DELEGATED QUALITY ASSURANCE FUNCTIONARY			NQF SUB-FRAMEWORK	
CHE - Council on Higher Education			HEQSF - Higher Education Qualifications Sub-framework	
QUALIFICATION TYPE		FIELD	SUBFIELD	
Postgraduate Diploma		Field 03 - Business, Commerce and Management Studies	Generic Management	
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Master's degree and Master's degree (Professional)

- Minimum total credits: 180
- Minimum credits taken at level 9: 120
- Evaluation: As the admission requirement for these degrees are 4 years of previous higher education this qualification is usually given a full masters degree recognition

MASTER OF ENGINEERING

in

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

awarded to

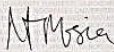
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Dr T Eloff
Vice-Chancellor

21 May 2013





Prof NT Mosia
Registrar

University number: [redacted]
Serial number: [redacted]

SAQA QUAL ID		QUALIFICATION TITLE		
100930		Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering		
ORIGINATOR				
North West University				
PRIMARY OR DELEGATED QUALITY ASSURANCE FUNCTIONARY			NQF SUB-FRAMEWORK	
CHE - Council on Higher Education			HEQSF - Higher Education Qualifications Sub-framework	
QUALIFICATION TYPE	FIELD		SUBFIELD	
Master's Degree	Field 06 - Manufacturing, Engineering and Technology		Engineering and Related Design	
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Doctoral Degree

- Minimum total credits: 360
- Minimum credits taken at level 10: 360
- Criteria for recognition as a PhD: <https://www.nokut.no/utdanning-fra-utlandet/nokuts-kriterier-for-generell-godkjenning-av-utenlandsk-utdanning/>
 - *“Doktorgradsutdanning fra andre land med et kvalifikasjonsrammeverk sammenlignbart med EQF: utdanningen må være på nivå tilsvarende nivå 8 i EQF.”*
- Evaluation on a case by case basis.

Doctoral Degree (professional)

- Minimum total credits: 360
- Minimum credits taken at level 10: 360
- Criteria for recognition (as a PhD?): <https://www.nokut.no/utdanning-fra-utlandet/nokuts-kriterier-for-generell-godkjenning-av-utenlandsk-utdanning/>
 - *“Doktorgradsutdanning fra andre land med et kvalifikasjonsrammeverk sammenlignbart med EQF: utdanningen må være på nivå tilsvarende nivå 8 i EQF.”*
- Evaluation on a case by case basis.
- Qualification names: Doctor of Education, Doctor of Commerce, Doctor of Engineering etc. The title PhD should not be used for this degree in South Africa.

Exceptions

- Bachelor of Education (BEd.) – 480 credits at level 7, evaluated as bachelor + 60 stp at bachelor level.
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) – in reality an Advanced diploma (level 7, 120 credits)
- Master's degrees in Health Sciences – Medical, dentist etc. far more than the usual 180 credits for a master degree.
- Professional Bachelor's degrees in Health Sciences – same as above.
- Advanced Bachelor's degrees – degrees like the LLB with admission from an ordinary bachelor. Usually 240 credits leading to admittance to master.



We certify that



*having complied with the requirements of the Higher Education Act
and the Institutional Statute, was issued with the*

**POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION
(SENIOR PHASE AND FURTHER EDUCATION AND
TRAINING)**

*at a congregation of the University
on 8 October 2014*

McNabanga

Vice-Chancellor

Phumiso



Kh. D. D. D.

Executive



NQF exit level: 6

Minimum credits required: 120

by passing university examinations in the following study units:

YEAR	MONTH	CODE	NAME OF STUDY UNIT	%
2012	NOV	EDAHOD5	THE EDUCATOR AS ASSESSOR	64
2012	NOV	EDDHODJ	THE EDUCATOR AS LEARNING PROGRAMME DEVELOPER	55
2013	MAY	EDLHODM	* THE EDUCATOR AS LEADER, MANAGER AND ADMINISTRATOR	83
2013	MAY	EDMHODR	* THE EDUCATOR AS MEDIATOR OF LEARNING	75
2013	MAY	EDPHOD8	THE EDUCATOR IN A PASTORAL ROLE	63
2013	OCT	LADHSSA	* TEACHING SOCIAL SCIENCES (SP SUBJECT DIDACTICS)	75
2013	OCT	PTEAC1X	TEACHING PRACTICE 1 (FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING) FOR PGCE	64
2013	OCT	PTEAC2Y	TEACHING PRACTICE 2 (SENIOR PHASE) FOR PGCE	61
2013	OCT	SDSGC0D	FET SUBJECT DIDACTICS LIFE ORIENTATION	64
2014	MAY	EDRHODG	THE EDUCATOR AS RESEARCHER, SCHOLAR AND LIFELONG LEARNER	65

* Passed with distinction

The 8-level pre-2008 NQF

- Pre-NQF qualifications were «on the books» until 2008, given the NQF-level supplied by the institutions. The few remaining will not be possible to offer after 21.12.2019, and will be de-registered at that date.
- A 240 credits master existed. This was on its own given recognition as a Norwegian masters degree – while today's degrees are given the same recognition together with previous education.
- Bachelor of Technology (BTech). A 480 credit, level 7 qualification. Recognised as a Norwegian bachelor and 60 stp at the bachelor level.
- MTech. A 120 credit, level 8 qualification.
- Master degrees at 360 credits, at NQF level 8.

Band	School Grades	NQF Level	Qualifications
Higher		8	Doctorate
			Master's degree
			Bachelor Honours degree
		7	Professional Bachelor degree
			Postgraduate Diploma
		6	General Bachelor degree
			Advanced Diploma
		5 / 6	Diploma
		5	Higher certificate
			Certificate



We certify that

*having complied with the requirements of the Higher Education
and the Institutional Statute, was admitted to the degree*

HONOURS BACHELOR OF ARTS *in Psychology*

*at a congregation of the University
on 13 May 2009*


Vice-Chancellor


University Registrar



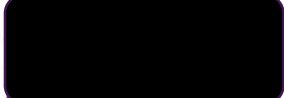
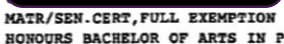
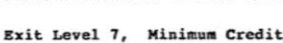


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Statement of Credits

Student number : 
Name : 
Previous Surname : 
Date of Birth : 
Identity Number : 
Matriculation : MATR/SEN.CERT,FULL EXEMPTION
Qualification : HONOURS BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

NQF specification : Exit Level 7, Minimum Credits 120

Year	Month	Code	Name of Study Unit	†	Comment	NQF level	NQF crds
2009	JAN	PSY461-Q	COMMUNITY AND HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY	78	Passed with Distinction	7	20
2009	JAN	PSY471-S	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	65	Passed	7	20
2009	JAN	PSY473-U	PERSONOLOGY	69	Passed	7	20
2009	JAN	PSY481-U	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	50	Passed	7	20
2009	FEB	PSY488-5	COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY	62	Passed	7	20
2009	JAN	PSY499-9	THERAPEUTIC PSYCHOLOGY	77	Passed with Distinction	7	20

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Total number of NQF credits accumulated: 120

Each credit equates 10 notional hours.

The above qualification has been completed.

Major subject(s):

PSYCHOLOGY



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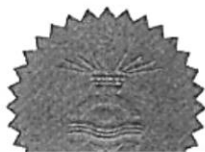
*having complied with the requirements of the Higher Education Act
and the Institutional Statute, was admitted to the degree of*

MASTER OF BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

*at a congregation of the University
on 19 May 2014*

C. Mkhonto

Chancellor



[Signature]

Executive Dean

Master of Business Leadership

SAQA QUAL ID		QUALIFICATION TITLE		
98030		Master of Business Leadership		
ORIGINATOR				
University of South Africa				
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5789	Master of Business Leadership	Level 8 and above	NQF Level 08	360	Complete

Links, useful resources

- Secondary/level 4 in NQF: <https://www.umalusi.org.za/>
- TVET/FET institutions
 - Public: <http://www.dhet.gov.za/SitePages/TVETlinks.aspx>
 - Private: [http://www.tvetcolleges.co.za/Uploads/CMS_Files/Register%20of%20Private%20Colleges%20\(15%20March%202017\).pdf](http://www.tvetcolleges.co.za/Uploads/CMS_Files/Register%20of%20Private%20Colleges%20(15%20March%202017).pdf) (2017)
- 2009 Higher Education Qualifications Sub-Framework
http://www.che.ac.za/media_and_publications/frameworks-criteria/che-higher-education-qualifications-sub-framework
- SAQA qualification search: <http://regqs.saqa.org.za/search.php?cat=qual>



Thank you