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Occupational Certificate

PROJECT MANAGER

NQF Level 5 | SAQA ID 101869 | 240 Points | 12 Months

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1. Course Overview

The Occupational Certificate: Project Manager equips learners with the knowledge, practical skills, and work experience required to effectively manage projects across various sectors. This qualification prepares learners to initiate, plan, execute, control, and close projects, ensuring alignment with organizational objectives. Project management is recognized as a critical skill for driving service delivery, economic growth, and operational efficiency in South Africa and internationally.

The qualification is designed in accordance with South African contexts and closely benchmarked against international standards, including PMBOK® (Project Management Body of Knowledge) and PRINCE2® methodologies, making it globally relevant.

2. Learning Outcomes

On completion of this programme, learners will be able to:

- Initiate a project to address specific project objectives.
- Plan and prepare the delivery of a project.
- Execute and control the delivery of a project management plan.
- Manage the project close-out process.

3. A Qualified Learner Will Be Able To:

- Apply project initiation techniques to define objectives, develop schedules, and compile preliminary budgets.
- Develop detailed project plans including scope, timelines, costs, quality, human resources, communication, risk, procurement, and stakeholder management strategies.
- Monitor, control, and execute project activities to ensure alignment with objectives, governance standards, and organizational requirements.
- Conduct project close-out processes including resource demobilization, contract closure audits, stakeholder satisfaction verification, and project handover.
- Integrate practical skills with knowledge across project management domains to deliver projects successfully in diverse industry contexts.

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Entry Requirements

- Completion of NQF Level 4 qualification or equivalent.
- Competency in **Mathematical Literacy** and **Communication**.
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is applicable for both access to the qualification and access to external integrated summative assessment.

4. International Comparability

This qualification is aligned with internationally recognized project management standards:

1. PMBOK® Guide (Project Management Body of Knowledge)

- Provides a globally recognized framework of integrated processes and best practices.
- Recognizes 10 key knowledge areas: Integration, Scope, Time, Cost, Quality, Human Resources, Communication, Risk, Procurement, and Stakeholder Management.

2. PRINCE2® (Projects in Controlled Environments)

- A widely accepted project management methodology applicable to various industries.
- Defines seven key processes: Starting up, Initiating, Directing, Controlling a Stage, Managing Stage Boundaries, Managing Product Delivery, and Closing a Project.

The qualification ensures learners are competent in project management practices aligned with both PMBOK and PRINCE2 global standards.

5. Occupational Trainer – NQF Level 5 Certification

- Introductory Studies for Project Managers.
- Project Integration, Scope, Time, Cost, Quality, HR, Communications, Risk, Procurement, Stakeholder Management.
- Project initiation, planning, scheduling, cost management, system planning, scope and schedule control, quality, HR, communication, risk, procurement, and project close-out

Work Experience Module:

- Project initiation
- Planning
- Execution & control
- Close-out

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6. Potential Career Opportunities

Graduates of this qualification can pursue roles such as:

- Project Manager
- Assistant Project Manager
- Project Coordinator
- Programme Manager
- Operations Manager
- Sector-specific Project Manager (ICT, Construction, Marketing, Human Resources, Engineering, etc.)

7. Learning Options

- Full-time classroom-based training through accredited providers.
- Part-time or workplace-based learning integrated with practical experience.
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for experienced practitioners.
- Integrated assessment includes both formative internal evaluation and an external summative assessment aligned with QCTO standards.

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