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## **National Certificate: Professional Driving**

*Qualification ID50285– NQF 3; 122Credits*

### **INTRODUCTION**

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The purpose of the qualification is to ensure competent professional driving competence in the road transport sector, thus improving earning capacity of professional drivers as well as transport sector professionalism and economic growth. The qualification is set to create an environment for growth and development of learners, by improving the employment prospects and marketable competence of drivers, and accelerating the redress of past unfair discrimination in education, training and employment opportunities. By setting the minimum standards contained in this qualification, professional driving education and training will also improve.

The professional status of drivers of commercial vehicles will be enhanced by awarding a formal qualification in recognition of their professional competence. This qualification is designed to allow maximum access to, mobility and progression within education and training, and within a career path in the transport sector. Competence achieved in this qualification provides building blocks towards NQF level 4 qualifications, and the inclusion of communication and language, and mathematic literacy requirements contributes to learner development beyond simply the requirements for professional driving.

Qualified learners are capable of:

- Obtaining and communicating road transport operational information.
- Assessing loads against given permissible load requirements.
- Planning road transport service delivery that meets specified requirements.
- Driving a vehicle conveying a specific freight commodity or category of passengers.

Qualified learners also elect to achieve at least one of the following specialisations:

- Using computerised spreadsheets and word processing.
- Planning the establishment of a small business according to relevant business principles.
- Conducting vehicle maintenance according to specified procedures.
- Operating lifting equipment according to specified procedures..

## **Rationale for the qualification:**

Learners credited with this qualification are working, or intend working, in the commercial road transport industry as drivers. This qualification builds on light vehicle driving competence, and credits competent drivers, who are driving vehicles carrying freight or passengers for commercial purposes.

The demand for this qualification lies primarily in the transport industry's requirement for drivers to have employable competence beyond that of a basic driving license and professional driving permit. Currently, more than 7000 individuals work in the sector that would benefit from this qualification. Learners can be persons entering the sector, persons already working in the sector as drivers, persons already working in the field in a non-driving capacity, and/or self employed persons within the sector.

There is a critical need in the industry to recognise learner competence regarding professional driving, and to ensure that legal requirements are adhered to. In South Africa, the transport industry is experiencing a shortage of competence in and good training for professional driving. Direct costs of poor driving include human and economic costs. Improved professional driving could influence the South African economy in direct transport, social and economic costs alone to the value of millions of Rands each year. By improving professional driving competence, road safety is improved and social and economic costs associated with road accidents are decreased.

## **LEARNING ASSUMED TO BE IN PLACE**

It is assumed that learners have already attained NQF Level 2 Mathematical Literacy and Communication competence.

Recognition of prior learning:

This qualification can be achieved wholly, or in part, through recognition of prior learning. Evidence can be presented in a variety of forms, including previous international or local qualifications, reports, testimonials, mentoring, functions performed, portfolios, work records and performance records. As such, evidence should be judged according to the general principles of assessment described in the notes to assessors below. Learners who have met the requirements of any Unit Standard that forms part of this qualification may apply for recognition of prior learning to the relevant Education and Training Quality Assurance body (ETQA). The applicant must be assessed against the Specific Outcomes and with the assessment criteria for the relevant Unit Standards. A qualification will be awarded should a learner demonstrate that the Exit Level Outcomes of the qualification have been attained.

Access to the qualification:

Access to the qualification is open. However, learners can only qualify if they meet all legal and medical requirements for drivers

## **EXIT LEVEL OUTCOMES**

1. Obtain and communicate road transport operational information.
2. Assess loads against given permissible load requirements.
3. Plan road transport service delivery that meets specified requirements.
4. Drive a vehicle conveying a specific freight commodity or category of passengers.

Electives:

5. Use computerised spreadsheets and word processing. OR
6. Plan the establishment of a small business according to relevant business principles. OR
7. Conduct vehicle maintenance according to specified procedures. OR
8. Operate lifting equipment according to specified procedures.

## **TIME PERIOD**

This Learnership can be presented over a period of 12 months

**A SELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING UNIT STANDARDS WILL BE COMPLETED IN ORDER TO REACH 140 CREDITS:**

**UNIT STANDARDS:**

	<b>ID</b>	<b>UNIT STANDARD TITLE</b>	<b>PRE-2009 NQF LEVEL</b>	<b>NQF LEVEL</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
Core	<a href="#">114941</a>	Apply knowledge of HIV/AIDS to a specific business sector and a workplace	Level 3	NQF Level 03	4
Core	<a href="#">123258</a>	Foster and maintain customer relations	Level 3	NQF Level 03	10
Core	<a href="#">8016</a>	Maintaining occupational health, safety and general housekeeping	Level 3	NQF Level 03	8
Core	<a href="#">123261</a>	Plan road transport service delivery	Level 3	NQF Level 03	8
Fundamental	<a href="#">119472</a>	Accommodate audience and context needs in oral/signed communication	Level 3	NQF Level 03	5
Fundamental	<a href="#">9010</a>	Demonstrate an understanding of the use of different number bases and measurement units and an awareness of error in the context of relevant calculations	Level 3	NQF Level 03	2
Fundamental	<a href="#">9013</a>	Describe, apply, analyse and calculate shape and motion in 2-and 3-dimensional space in different contexts	Level 3	NQF Level 03	4
Fundamental	<a href="#">119457</a>	Interpret and use information from texts	Level 3	NQF Level 03	5
Fundamental	<a href="#">9012</a>	Investigate life and work related problems using data and probabilities	Level 3	NQF Level 03	5
Fundamental	<a href="#">119467</a>	Use language and communication in occupational learning programmes	Level 3	NQF Level 03	5
Fundamental	<a href="#">7456</a>	Use mathematics to investigate and monitor the financial aspects of personal, business and national issues	Level 3	NQF Level 03	5

Fundamental	<a href="#">119465</a>	Write/present/sign texts for a range of communicative contexts	Level 3	NQF Level 03	5
Elective	<a href="#">14353</a>	Conduct basic financial transactions	Level 2	NQF Level 02	3
Elective	<a href="#">8418</a>	Do basic research	Level 2	NQF Level 02	4
Elective	<a href="#">119750</a>	Inspect and lubricate an automotive system	Level 2	NQF Level 02	8
Elective	<a href="#">123262</a>	Load general freight	Level 2	NQF Level 02	6
Elective	<a href="#">243665</a>	Meet the requirements in order to obtain a provisional licence	Level 2	NQF Level 02	15
Elective	<a href="#">243666</a>	Meet the requirements of being a safe driver to obtain a valid driving licence for a motor vehicle	Level 2	NQF Level 02	22
Elective	<a href="#">123257</a>	Operate a rigid light vehicle	Level 2	NQF Level 02	10
Elective	<a href="#">116253</a>	Operate a truck mounted loader crane	Level 2	NQF Level 02	20
Elective	<a href="#">8420</a>	Operate in a team	Level 2	NQF Level 02	4
Elective	<a href="#">12484</a>	Perform basic fire fighting	Level 2	NQF Level 02	4
Elective	<a href="#">15123</a>	Select and use vehicle lifting equipment	Level 2	NQF Level 02	3
Elective	<a href="#">254154</a>	Apply advanced techniques for operating four wheel drive (4WD) vehicles in on-road and off-road conditions	Level 3	NQF Level 03	8
Elective	<a href="#">8000</a>	Apply basic business principles	Level 3	NQF Level 03	9
Elective	<a href="#">113852</a>	Apply occupational health, safety and environmental principles	Level 3	NQF Level 03	10
Elective	<a href="#">254135</a>	Apply the techniques for operating four wheel drive (4WD) vehicles, in on-road and off-road conditions	Level 3	NQF Level 03	4
Elective	<a href="#">116534</a>	Carry out basic first aid treatment in the workplace	Level 3	NQF Level 03	2
Elective	<a href="#">113909</a>	Coach a team member in order to enhance individual performance in work environment	Level 3	NQF Level 03	5
Elective	<a href="#">10977</a>	Convey abnormal freight	Level 3	NQF Level 03	8
Elective	<a href="#">123259</a>	Convey dangerous goods by road	Level 3	NQF Level 03	4

Elective	<a href="#">10976</a>	Convey livestock	Level 3	NQF Level 03	8
Elective	<a href="#">117705</a>	Demonstrate knowledge of the Firearms Control Act 2000 (Act No 60 of 2000) applicable to possessing a firearm	Level 3	NQF Level 03	3
Elective	<a href="#">117833</a>	Handle a crime situation	Level 3	NQF Level 03	6
Elective	<a href="#">13917</a>	Indicate the role of a team leader ensuring that a team meets an organisation`s standards	Level 3	NQF Level 03	6
Elective	<a href="#">117171</a>	Manage time effectively to enhance productivity and enable a balanced lifestyle	Level 3	NQF Level 03	2
Elective	<a href="#">123260</a>	Operate tailgates and tail-lifts	Level 3	NQF Level 03	2
Elective	<a href="#">8039</a>	Operating cranes	Level 3	NQF Level 03	10
Elective	<a href="#">8038</a>	Operating lift trucks	Level 3	NQF Level 03	6
Elective	<a href="#">123256</a>	Provide commuter services	Level 3	NQF Level 03	8
Elective	<a href="#">376480</a>	Provide first aid as an advanced first responder	Level 3	NQF Level 03	8
Elective	<a href="#">123252</a>	Provide long distance coach/bus services	Level 3	NQF Level 03	10
Elective	<a href="#">123255</a>	Provide tour coach services	Level 3	NQF Level 03	8
Elective	<a href="#">116940</a>	Use a Graphical User Interface (GUI)-based spreadsheet application to solve a given problem	Level 3	NQF Level 03	6
Elective	<a href="#">114730</a>	Comply with safety requirements in the medical pathology or blood transfusion fields	Level 4	NQF Level 04	6
Elective	<a href="#">13414</a>	Conduct a financial analysis of a small business	Level 4	NQF Level 04	10
Elective	<a href="#">117241</a>	Develop a business plan for a small business	Level 4	NQF Level 04	5
Elective	<a href="#">117244</a>	Investigate the possibilities of establishing and running a small business enterprise (SMME)	Level 4	NQF Level 04	3
Elective	<a href="#">117500</a>	Manage finance in a small business	Level 4	NQF Level 04	8
Elective	<a href="#">7997</a>	Managing self-development	Level 4	NQF Level 04	12
Elective	<a href="#">114215</a>	Mentor a colleague to enhance the individual`s knowledge, skills, values and attitudes in a selected career path	Level 4	NQF Level 04	3

Elective	<a href="#">123253</a>	Operate a rigid heavy vehicle	Level 4	NQF Level 04	15
Elective	<a href="#">123254</a>	Operate a vehicle combination	Level 4	NQF Level 04	20
Elective	<a href="#">114738</a>	Perform financial planning and control functions for a small business	Level 4	NQF Level 04	6
Elective	<a href="#">10756</a>	Use of a hand machine carbine	Level 4	NQF Level 04	10
Elective	<a href="#">10748</a>	Use of a handgun	Level 4	NQF Level 04	10
Elective	<a href="#">10750</a>	Use of a rifle	Level 4	NQF Level 04	10
Elective	<a href="#">10754</a>	Use of a shotgun	Level 4	NQF Level 04	10
Elective	<a href="#">377201</a>	Apply advanced driving skills: defensive driving	Level 5	NQF Level 05	6
Elective	<a href="#">377220</a>	Apply advanced driving skills: offensive driving	Level 5	NQF Level 05	3