

SAQA Qualification Title: **Occupational Certificate:
Community Development Practitioner**
NQF Sub-Framework/ Qualification Type: **Higher Certificate**
Qualification ID: **97691**
Credits: **212**
Level: **5**
1 Year Full Qualification

The Purpose of this qualification is to prepare a learner to operate as a **Community Development Practitioner**. A **Community Development Practitioner** acts as a change agent to add value to community development practice by exploring and coordinating networks and partnerships. Conducts community-based research to inform interventions, aligned to relevant legal and regulatory frameworks. Plans, designs, and manages community interventions through the application of **Appropriate leadership and management styles**; all of which are done to promote ethical and professional community development practice.

This qualification will enable you to:

- Compile and present community profile reports.
- Manage community development information and data (Gathering, analysis and storing).
- Establish, identify, and coordinate community development structures.
- Assess the performance of and provide support to community development structures.
- Monitor the progress and achievements of community development initiatives.
- Mobilise and manage volunteers and support staff.

Entry Requirements:

- Successful completion of the Occupational Certificate: Community Worker (Community Development Worker) at NQF Level 4. Or
- National Senior Certificate (NSC).

Articulation options:

Horizontal articulation is possible to:

- National Certificate: Community Development: Integrated Development Planning, at NQF 5; SAQA ID 83392.

Vertical articulation could be possible to:

- Diploma Local Government, at NQF Level 6, SAQA ID 35956.

This qualification is made up of the following compulsory Knowledge and Practical Skill Modules:

Knowledge Modules:

- Operations Coordination and Administration, at NQF Level 4, 19 Credits.
- Effective Communication, at NQF Level 5, 5 Credits.
- Sociology of Developing Societies, at NQF Level 5, 10 Credits.
- Sustainable Development Practice, at NQF Level 5, 27 Credits.

Total number of Credits for Knowledge Modules: 61.

Practical Skill Modules:

- Compile, update and maintain community profiles (households, infrastructure assets, structures, economic viability etc.), at NQF Level 5, Credits 18.
- Prepare data for the analysis of community profiles and identify trends that can be used to develop appropriate interventions, at NQF Level 5, Credits 4.
- Compile and present community profile reports, at NQF Level 5, Credits 4.
- Monitor existing community development initiatives, at NQF Level 5, Credits 4.
- Participate in the evaluation of existing programs, identify potential problems and recommend appropriate corrective actions, at NQF Level 5, Credits 4.
- Compile reports on the implementation of initiatives, at NQF Level 5, Credits 3.
- Identify the need for community development structures and facilitate the establishment of the appropriate structures, at NQF Level 5, Credits 8.
- Facilitate the functioning of effective community development structures, at NQF Level 5, Credits 5.
- Supervise the performance of community development practitioners, at NQF Level 5, Credits 6.
- Motivate and mobilise the efforts of voluntary support team members. (Including relevant governmental departments), at NQF Level 5, Credits 6.
- Gain an understanding of all the community development initiatives in the designated community, at NQF Level 5, Credits 4.
- Communication of the outcomes of forums and meetings to stakeholders, at NQF Level 5, Credits 6.
- Liaise and partner with relevant stakeholders regarding community development initiatives, at NQF Level 5, Credits 2.

Total number of Credits for Practical Skill Modules: 74.

Work Experience Modules:

- Exposure to a full range of community settings, at NQF Level 4, Credits 16.
- Exposure to a full range of community development initiatives, at NQF Level 5, Credits 12.
- Exposure to all the monitoring and evaluation tools., at NQF Level 5, Credits 26.
- Exposure to a full range of community, interdepartmental and civil society forums, at NQF Level 5, Credits 8.
- Exposure to a full range of supervisory situations relevant to the work of field workers, at NQF Level 5, Credits 11.
- Exposure to all the official and civic service providers within the community, at NQF Level 5, Credits 4.

Total number of Credits for Work Experience Modules: 77.