

WHERE CAN AN INDIVIDUAL CHECK IF THE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROVIDER IS ACCREDITED?

Information on the accreditation status of skills development providers is available from the QCTO.
Visit www.qcto.org.za or phone the QCTO at 012 003 1800

WHICH ARE THE REGISTERED QCTO QUALIFICATIONS ON THE OCCUPATIONAL SUB-FRAMEWORK?

There are currently over fifty QCTO qualification registered, which includes the following:

- Airline Ground Crew
- Boat Builder and Repairer
- Chef
- Chemist (Surface Coatings Technologist)
- Electrical Line Mechanic - Overhead Lines Mechanic
- Financial markets practitioner
- Health Promotion Officer (Community Health Worker)
- Insurance Agent - Insurance Underwriter
- Mining Technician (Mine Ventilation Observer)
- Organisational Risk Manager (Risk Practitioner)
- Supply and Distribution Manager
- Plastics Manufacturing Machine Setter
- Port Manager
- Railway Signal Operator
- Retail Manager General - Retail Store Manager
- Road Transport Manager
- Tax Professional

A complete list of QCTO qualifications is available on www.qcto.org.za

CAN I REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED QUALIFICATIONS?

QCTO qualifications are offered by accredited skills development providers. It is advisable to contact the QCTO to verify whether the institution is accredited to offer the specific qualification.

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TRADES AND OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS



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ABOUT THE QCTO

The Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) was established in terms of the Skills Development Act, (Act no. 97 of 1998).

It is the Quality Council responsible for the Occupational Qualifications Sub-framework (OQSF), given the mandate, to quality assure occupational qualifications, and the development thereof.

The QCTO is one of three Quality Councils (QCs). The other two QCs are Umalusi (QC for General and Further Education and Training) and the Council on Higher Education (CHE).

WHY WAS THE QCTO ESTABLISHED?

To create a skilled and capable workforce

Which relates to:

- Developing quality assured qualifications for the skilled and unskilled population
- Creating a strong labour market
- Contributing towards the improvement of the economy of the country
- Addressing the shortage of artisan and professions in the country
- Accrediting skills development providers for occupational qualifications that are offering the QCTO occupational qualifications. These providers include Technical Vocational Education and training Colleges (TVETs), Private colleges, Industry, Private Providers.

WHICH TYPES OF QUALIFICATIONS ARE OFFERED BY THE QCTO?

Trades and Occupation related qualifications.

WHAT IS AN OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATION?

An Occupational qualification is a qualification associated with a trade, occupation or profession resulting from work based learning. Occupational qualifications make work experience an important part of learning.

Examples of occupational qualifications

- Airline Ground Crew
- Tax professional
- Insurance Agent

WHAT IS A TRADE?

- A trade is an occupation for which an artisan qualification is required
- **An artisan is person certified as competent to undertake a listed trade in accordance with the relevant legislation
- There are 125 listed trades offered in the country

Examples of listed trades:

- Electrician
- Goldsmith
- Plumber
- Melter

WHAT IS A PROFESSION?

An occupation, especially one that involves prolonged training and a formal qualification.

Examples of professions:

- Tax professional
- Compliance officer (Various sectors)

WHY A QCTO QUALIFICATION?

- All QCTO qualifications have a work experience component that increases one's probabilities of employability (Applied knowledge)

- QCTO qualifications are demand driven (Industry/Profession), meaning they address the needs of the labour market

IS THERE FUNDING TO STUDY OR ENROL FOR QCTO QUALIFICATIONS?

Yes. Funding is available through the various mechanisms including those associated with the National Skills Fund.

For examples:

- SETA's award funding through learnership grants
- Employer sponsored funding mechanisms for internal employees
- Self-funding
- Bursaries available from various industries

QCTO QUALIFICATIONS ARE OFFERED THROUGH:

- TVETs
- Any of the SETA's as learnerships
- Private Providers
- Private Colleges
- Industry

WHAT IS ACCREDITATION?

Accreditation is the certification, usually for a particular period, of a body or an institution as having the capacity to fulfil a particular function in quality assurance system.

