

The Thogomelo Project

Gugu, what is accredited training all about?

Mandla, this poster tells you everything you need to know about accreditation.

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What is SAQA?

The South African Qualifications Authority is the structure responsible for developing and implementing the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

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What is the NQF?

The NQF registers all the qualifications and unit standards in South Africa. It also helps to make sure that there is the same standard across all qualifications.

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What is a SETA?

A Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA) is responsible for training within a specific sector, like the Health and Welfare sector. The SETA provides **learnerships, skills development programmes and qualifications**. It also provides the accredited certificates for learners.

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What is HWSETA?

A Health and Welfare Sector Educational Training Authority (HWSETA) operates in the health and social development sector and aims to create skilled people to meet the health and social development needs of all people in South Africa. Their mission is to create and implement appropriately skilled people who are empowered to provide quality health and social development services that meet international standards.

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What is a qualification?

A qualification is the formal recognition that you, the learner, has achieved a set of unit standards with a set number of credits.

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What is a skills development programme (SDP)?

An SDP is a job-based learning programme. If you complete an SDP, you will be awarded unit standards that contribute towards a qualification registered with the NQF. A learnership is a workplace-learning programme designed to lead you to a job-related qualification registered with the NQF.

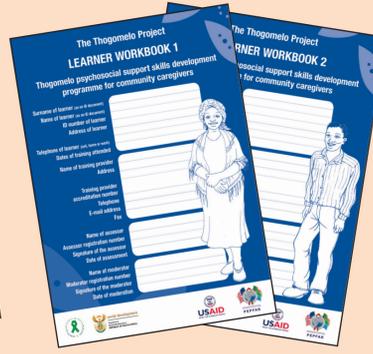
What is a portfolio of evidence?

A portfolio of evidence (POE) is a collection of all the evidence that shows that you have worked toward the assessment criteria and unit standards for a Skills Development Programme or qualification. You will hand in the POE to the Training Service Provider for assessment, moderation and verification.

The Thogomelo POEs are made up of:



• Portfolio of evidence



• Learner workbooks 1 and 2



• Practical workbooks 1 and 2

- The two knowledge questionnaires (summative assessments);
- A certified copy of an identity document;
- An updated curriculum vitae; and
- Assessor and moderator forms.

How can the Thogomelo SDP help you?

- If you complete the programme, you will get a certificate.
- You can get the unit standards and credits towards a qualification (look at your learner orientation pack for more information).
- You will develop knowledge and skills that you can put into practice in your daily work.
- You can share your experience of community caregiving with other people.

What is verification?

This is the process where HWSETA checks that:

- the assessor and moderator have followed the standards;
- the training organisation has met the requirements of HWSETA; and
- the learners are competent.

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What is moderation?

This is a process where a moderator checks that the work done by the assessor and the assessment itself were fair for all the learners.

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What is an assessment?

This is a process of collecting evidence to show that you have achieved the expected assessment criteria and outcomes, as written in the unit standard. If you have met the outcomes and assessment criteria, you will be called '**competent**'. If you have not, you will be '**not competent**'. If this happens, you will have one chance to re-do the evidence so that you can be '**competent**'. You collect the evidence in your **portfolio of evidence (POE)**.

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What is a credit?

A credit is the total amount of learning that is needed for a specific unit standard and qualification. It is measured in 'notional hours'. As a learner, you will need to be involved in learning for 10 hours to be able to get one credit!

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What is a unit standard?

A unit standard is a registered statement with the HWSETA. It has a set of **outcomes and assessment criteria**, as well as other requirements that you as the learner will have to meet. To get an accredited certificate, you must be competent in the outcomes and assessment criteria. The outcomes say what you will need to know or be able to do by the end of the learning programme. The assessment criteria are the knowledge and skills you need to have to put into practice in your work.

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The Thogomelo Psychosocial Support and Child Protection Skills Development Programmes for Community Caregivers and their Supervisors. Strengthening South Africa's capacity to care for its community caregivers and protect vulnerable children.

