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MORE INFORMATION ON THE NATED NATIONAL DIPLOMA THROUGH THE DHET

This qualification is aimed primarily at giving the learner technical, theoretical knowledge, practical knowledge and workplace knowledge and skills required in their chosen occupational/vocational area. The design of the qualification is such that it enables learners to progressively obtain the qualification by completing the related N4, N5 and N6 courses in a particular vocation/occupational area, either separately with breaks between, or in one extended study period of a year or 18 months and then to apply the knowledge and skills learned in the workplace for an extended period. The N4+N5+N6, regardless of the manner in which they are completed, must be followed by or integrated with the relevant 18 months practical workplace experience for General Study Diplomas and 24 months of practical workplace experience for the Engineering Studies Diploma.

The National N Diploma has been designed to meet those needs as it allows for the development of practical skills founded on the latest theory and principles through the presentation of a theoretical component with practical work and an extended period of 18 or 24 months of on-the job experience. In addition the N4, N5 and N6 modules can be completed as individual unit of learning that develop specific knowledge and skills that while they form part of the complete qualification equip the learners to be productively employed as second level technicians

3. THE QUALIFICATION

Learners need one of the following:

- * A National Senior Certificate.
- * A Senior Certificate.
- * An FETC.
- * An N3 in the relevant specialization area.

It is assumed that learners are competent in:

- * Communication at NQF Level 4 in the language of teaching and learning of the institution offering the qualification.
- * The theoretical knowledge and practical skills required for the specialisation at NQF Level 4 or N3 Level.
- 3.1 To be awarded the qualification, learners are to choose an area of specialisation and complete: A. In the case of N courses of 0.5 years duration (Business Studies):
- * N4 (0.5 year duration), 60 credits.
- * N5 (0.5 year duration), 60 credits.
- * N6 (0.5 year duration), 60 credits.
- * 18 months Practical Experience (2000 hours, 180 credits)

TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE NATIONAL N DIPLOMA: 360 ((NQF LEVEL 6)

B. In the case of N courses of 0.33 years duration (Engineering Studies):

- * N4 (0.33 year duration), 40 credits.
- * N5 (0.33 year duration), 40 credits.
- * N6 (0.33 year duration), 40 credits.
- * 24 months Practical Experience (2670 hours, 240 credits)

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