

National Certificate: Plant Production

SAQA ID 48975 | NQF Level 02 | 120 Credits

Qualification Overview

Building Competence in Plant Production

Key Details

- **SAQA Qualification ID:** 48975
- **Qualification Title:** National Certificate: Plant Production
- **Originator:** SGB Primary Agriculture
- **Quality Assurance Body:** AgriSETA - Agriculture SETA
- **NQF Sub-Framework:** OQSF - Occupational Qualifications Sub-framework
- **Qualification Type:** National Certificate

Classification

- **Field:** 01 - Agriculture and Nature Conservation
- **Subfield:** Primary Agriculture
- **ABET Band:** Undefined
- **Minimum Credits:** 120
- **Pre-2009 NQF Level:** Level 2
- **NQF Level:** NQF Level 02
- **Qualification Class:** Regular-Unit Stds Based

Registration Status

Registration Status: Passed the End Date - Status was "Reregistered"

SAQA Decision Number: SAQA 9999/99

Registration Start Date: 2018-07-01 | **Registration End Date:** 2023-06-30

Last Date for Enrolment: 2026-06-30 | **Last Date for Achievement:** 2029-06-30

In all of the tables in this document, both the pre-2009 NQF Level and the NQF Level is shown. In the text (purpose statements, qualification rules, etc), any reference to NQF Levels are to the pre-2009 levels unless specifically stated otherwise.

Purpose and Rationale of the Qualification

The purpose of this qualification is to allow Junior Personnel and elected candidates to progress towards a position of farm labourer (operator) with specific reference to Plant Production. The contextualised purpose and usage of the qualification is as follows:

Team Participation

A learner assessed against this qualification will have the necessary competence to participate as part of a working team, performing the agricultural processes as applicable to Plant production in an established and familiar context under general supervision.

Leadership Capability

The Learner will be able to perform directed activities and take responsibility for the guiding others at lower level within a Plant Production context.

Specialised Competency

Competency will be gained in any of the specialized sub-fields of Plant Production as specified under Areas Of Specialization (i.e. Vegetables, Fruit Production, Hydroponics, etc.)

Decision-Making Skills

The learner will be able to take responsible decisions within a familiar range based on a sound understanding of the basic principles of agribusiness and good agricultural practices, in meeting the set objectives and targets within the broader farm plan which includes the economical application of general resources, agricultural production and technical knowledge and skills, all in an Plant Production context.

Qualification Benefits and Opportunities



Standards Compliance

The Learner will be able to carry out familiar



Extended Learning Pathways

In addition to the above, the learner will be well



Career Progression

The learner will be well positioned to progress

Rationale and Prior Learning

Qualification Rationale

This qualification provides learners the opportunity to gain a qualification in Plant Production. The range of typical learners that will enter this qualification will vary and includes:



Junior Farm Labourers

Junior farm labourers who wish to progress to the level of Labourer within farming operations in Plant Production;



Farm Owners

Farm owners, in possession of an equivalent qualification at NQF 1;



Experienced Practitioners

Learners in possession of different levels of practical experience in farming operations, which will be assessed and RPL'ed;



Community Leaders

Possible candidates for promotion identified by the community as leaders.

Learners may come from both genders. The learner will engage in supervision and operational activities relevant to Plant Production. Requests and expressions of need for this qualification, coming from the broad, but also specific farming communities (Plant Production) forms the basis for the development of this qualification. This qualification will form the basis for learners to extend their learning into more specialised areas of plant production and provides the basis of the establishment of sustainable farming operations through the inclusion of a wide spectrum of competencies required by farmers in South Africa. Whilst technical production orientated competencies are ensured, other aspects such as agri-business and good agricultural practices are included in the range of competencies required by farmers in order to enable them to strive towards agricultural management standards and practices at higher levels. Competent qualifying learners in this qualification will oversee quality agricultural products in Plant Production whereby enhancing the overall agricultural process and gain opportunities to access local, national and international agricultural markets.

Learning Assumed to Be in Place and Recognition of Prior Learning

It is assumed that a learner entering a programme leading to this qualification has achieved numeracy, literacy and communication equivalent to NQF 1 and technical skills pertaining to agricultural activities equivalent to NQF 1