NATIONAL DIPLOMA & CERTIFICATE COURSES



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DISTANCE LEARNING



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Agri Skills Transfer has been offering National Diploma and National Certificate courses in Agriculture since 2012 on a distance learning basis. These courses offer an amazing, blended learning experience where learners must complete theory and practical training to successfully complete their Diploma or Certificate course.

TRAINING, PRACTICAL, AND WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE >>>

Students must complete theory (self-study, assignments) and practical (workplace experience) to gain competency in their chosen field. Students will do all the theory themselves (at home). Support will be available from a designated mentor.

Choose one of the following AgriSeta Accredited courses for **individuals**:

- National Diploma: Animal Production SAQA ID 49011, NQF Level 5
- National Certificate: Animal Production SAQA ID 48979, NQF Level 4
- National Certificate: Agric Sales & Services
 SAQA ID 14854, NQF Level 4
- National Diploma: Plant Production SAQA ID 49010, NQF level 5
- National Certificate: Plant Production SAQA ID 49009, NQF Level 4

Choose one of the following AgriSeta Accredited courses for groups / companies:

- National Certificate: Fruit Packing & Grading SAQA ID 48848, NQF Level 3
- National Certificate: Farming
 SAQA 20288, NQF Level 2
- National Certificate: Mixed Farming SAQA 48977, NQF Level 2

- National Certificate: Poultry Production SAQA ID 49578, NQF Level 3
- National Certificate: Landscaping
 SAQA 66649, NQF Level 3
- National Certificate: Horticulture
 SAQA 66589, NQF Level 2

Ask us for more information on the course that you are interested in; specific practical requirements may apply that must be met by your workplace / practical site.

2-YEAR NATIONAL DIPLOMA

course details

ONCE-OFF PRICE >>>

- R42 300 per learner per year.
- Once-off payment per year.
- Total cost for 2 years R84 600.

PAYMENT PLAN >>>

- Deposit 1st year: R12 500.
- 10 monthly instalments: R3 500 per month.
- Total cost for 1st year: R47 500.
- Deposit 2nd year: R12 000.
- 10 monthly instalments: R3 500 per month.
- Total cost for 2nd year: R47 500.
- Total cost for 2 years R95 000.

The following short courses are included (for free), and diploma learners can attend these during their 2-year course. Please book your place in advance (schedule available from the office).

- Basic beef cattle production.
- Basic goat production.
- Basic pig husbandry.
- Basic poultry production (boilers & layers).
- Basic plant production.
- Basic sheep production.
- First Aid Level 1.
- Basic Fire Fighting.

INCLUDED IN THE COURSE FEES >>>

- Learning material and workbooks.
- Mentor and assessment fees.
- Moderation fees.
- Certification.
- Support.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR DIPLOMA >>>

- Matric certificate (*conditions apply**). You do not have to submit this on enrolment, we will give you admittance on your Grade 11 results. Once you've received your matric certificate you must send it to us.
- Learners who do not have a matric certificate should complete the National Certificate NQF Level 4 in Animal or Plant Production first.
- Should have access to a working farm environment for workplace experience.

MATRIC CERTIFICATE CONDITIONS >>>

- The minimum admission requirement is a National Senior Certificate (NSC) as certified by Umalusi with an achievement rating of 3 (Moderate Achievement, 40-49%) or better in four recognised NSC 20-credit subjects.
- Institutional and programme needs may require appropriate combinations of recognised FETC subjects and levels of achievement. Click here for a list of recognised NSC subjects.

1-YEAR NATIONAL CERTIFICATE

course details

ONCE-OFF PRICE >>>

Total cost for a 1-year National Certificate R35 000.

PAYMENT PLAN >>>

Deposit: R7 500.

10 monthly instalments: R3 100 per month.

Total cost R38 500.

Three (3) short courses are included (for free), and certificate learners can attend these during their 1-year course. Please book your place in advance (schedule available from the office). Choose any 3 of the following:

- Basic beef cattle production.
- Basic goat production.
- Basic pig husbandry.
- Basic poultry production (boilers & layers).
- Basic plant production.
- Basic sheep production.
- First Aid Level 1.
- Basic Fire Fighting.

INCLUDED IN THE COURSE FEES >>>

- Learning material and workbooks.
- Mentor and assessment fees.
- Moderation fees.

- Certification.
- Support.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATE >>>

- Learners do not need matric to register for the NQF level 2 to 4 programmes (conditions apply).
- Reasonable level of literacy is needed (read, write, and understand English).
- All course material and assignments are in English, and learners are expected to complete it in English as well.

PRACTICAL WORKPLACE GUIDELINES

national diploma and certificate

Learners are responsible to source a suitable workplace for the duration of their training. Keep the following in mind:

- Learners will be able to make use of the Agri Skills Cullinan Farm Training Centre, to do practical
 on weekends, public holidays, and during school holidays (by arrangement only).
- Learners, who have space in their backyard, can start a small animal or plant project (piggery, poultry, aquaculture, hydroponics, herb growing, beekeeping, aquaponics, etc.). These projects will serve as practical and students will keep logbooks on their projects. Must meet minimum requirements.
- Learners can work on family farms, overseas in the agricultural industry, or get involved in Agricultural Community Projects.
- Learners can also log visits to livestock auctions, farmer's days, information days at different companies, as well as any other educational events.

We hope that the above guidelines will enable more students to follow their dream and be able to start a career in agriculture.

LOGBOOK >>>

- All National Diploma and National Certificate learners must complete a logbook to keep record
 of their practical experience.
- It is essential that you start your logbook as soon as you start doing your practical. Logbooks are completed daily. Logbooks also serve as your attendance register.
- As adult learners it is your responsibility to keep your logbook up to date and to get the necessary person/s to sign if off. Person must have good agricultural knowledge.
- National Diploma leaners must log 14 months (minimum) of practical during the 2-year course.
- National Certificate learners must log 7 months (minimum) of practical during the 1-year course.

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- Learners must have access to a working farm environment or agricultural business for workplace experience. It is the learner's own responsibility to source an adequate practical site / workplace.
 Please ask us for your course's specific practical requirements.
- Learners who do not have access to a farm can gain some workplace experience at our Cullinan farm (conditions apply).
- PoE support sessions can be arranged with our office. Learners can arrange these sessions if additional support is needed.
- There is continued e-mail support to all learners.
- There will be 2 intake/start dates for distance learners:
 - o 1st intake/registration To start February 2022.
 - o 2nd intake/registration To start July 2022.

TRACK RECORD > > >

We are extremely proud of our training track record so far (to name but a few):

- NTK/ GWK National Certificate in Sales and Services.
- Daybreak Chickens National Certificate in Poultry Production.
- Morgan Beef National Certificate Mixed Farming.
- Northern Cape TVET College National Certificate Animal Production.
- AFRIVET Various.
- Military Veterans Re-skilling, various.

SPONSOR A STUDENT >>>

If you or your company would like to sponsor a student on any of our programmes, please contact our office. Your company can qualify to benefit on skills development points and qualify for tax benefits.

