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In accordance with Regulation 24(c) of the National Standards Bodies Regulations of 28 March 1998, the Standards Generating Body (SGB) for

#### Sport

registered by Organising Field 02 – Culture and Arts., publishes the following Qualification and Unit Standards for public comment.

This notice contains the titles, fields, sub-fields, NQF levels, credits, and purpose of the Qualification and Unit Standards. The full Qualification and Unit Standards can be accessed via the SAQA web-site at [www.saga.org.za](http://www.saga.org.za). Copies may also be obtained from the Directorate of Standards Setting and Development at the SAQA offices, SAQA House, 1067 Arcadia Street, Hatfield, Pretoria.

Comment on the Qualification and Unit Standards should reach SAQA at the address below and **no later than 11 March 2009**. All correspondence should be marked **Standards Setting – SGB for Sport** and addressed to

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SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY

**QUALIFICATION:*****Further Education and Training Certificate: Thoroughbred Horse Racing***

SAQA QUAL ID		QUALIFICATION TITLE	
65669		Further Education and Training Certificate: Thoroughbred Horse Racing	
ORIGINATOR		PROVIDER	
SGB Sport			
QUALIFICATION TYPE	FIELD	SUBFIELD	
Further Ed and Training Cert	2 - Culture and Arts	Sport	
ABET BAND	MINIMUM CREDITS	NQF LEVEL	QUAL CLASS
Undefined	147	Level 4	Regular-Unit Stds Based

***This qualification does not replace any other qualification and is not replaced by another qualification.***

**PURPOSE AND RATIONALE OF THE QUALIFICATION**

Purpose:

This Qualification serves to equip the qualifying learner with the fundamental skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to enhance the learner's ability to interact positively with stakeholders and to solve problems they come across in the thoroughbred horse racing field. It also provides an opportunity for learners to learn and apply thoroughbred horse racing skills to the workplace.

The Qualification will provide learners with a solid understanding of all the relevant legislation and regulations governing the thoroughbred horse racing environment in which they operate and also provide them with the ability to appropriately select and apply the relevant processes and procedures governing the activities with which they are involved.

This qualification is the first within the Thoroughbred Horse Racing learning pathway. It will enable learners to enrol for higher education and training at a range of institutions for a range of tertiary qualifications. The qualification provides both mobility and portability to the learner.

Learners who successfully complete this qualification will be able to:

- > Identify and solve problems with practical mathematical applications.
- > Communicate in verbal or written form with peers, the public, members of supervisory/management levels and other relevant roleplayers.
- > Analyse and investigate issues affecting the thoroughbred horseracing industry.
- > Apply thoroughbred horseracing rules, regulations and principles in order to ensure transparency and legitimacy in the sport.
- > Understand and apply complex aspects of equine health management and control.

Qualifying learners will follow the occupations below:

- > Assistant race horse trainer.
- > Race horse trainer.
- > Stipendiary Steward.
- > Handicapper.
- > Race Starter.

> Racing administrator.

It will also allow access to other equine and equestrian related careers including:

- > Mounted police.
- > Mounted tour guide.
- > Mounted security officials.
- > Groom.
- > Stable yard manager.
- > Assistant riding instructor.

Rationale:

Thoroughbred Horseracing is a highly regulated industry, yet the sector does not have nationally registered qualifications. This Qualification will enable trainers in the sector to get official accreditation for programmes aligned towards this qualification.

The learners who achieve this Qualification will be empowered to function at a level that will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the industry as a whole. This Qualification will also be added to a growing list of training programmes and Qualifications that will place the South African thoroughbred horseracing industry at the forefront of its larger international community. Similarly it will add credibility to the industry's relationships with local equine and equestrian sectors.

South African thoroughbred horseracing has succeeded in attracting significant international investment. This Qualification will provide these investors with additional satisfaction that their horses in South Africa are well cared for, which may generate further investment, thereby enhancing the economic development of the nation.

The Intention of this Qualification is to:

- > Promote the development of functional knowledge and competencies that are required in the thoroughbred horse racing environment.
- > Develop the potential of jockeys in the thoroughbred horse racing environment.
- > Provide opportunities for career pathways and life-long learning for learners in the thoroughbred horse racing environment.

#### **RECOGNIZE PREVIOUS LEARNING?**

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#### **LEARNING ASSUMED IN PLACE**

- > Communication at NQF Level 3.
- > Mathematical Literacy at NQF Level 3.
- > National Certificate: Equine and Equestrian Practice at NQF Level 3.

Recognition of Prior Learning:

This qualification may be achieved in part through the recognition of prior learning, which includes formal, informal and non-formal learning and work experience.

Access to the Qualification:

Access is open to all learners bearing in mind the learning assumed to be in place.

#### **QUALIFICATION RULES**

The qualification consists of fundamental, core and elective unit standards. A minimum of 147 credits is required to achieve the qualification. The credits are allocated as follows:

The Fundamental Component (56 credits) consists of the following learning, which is compulsory for all learners:

- > Unit standards at NQF Level 4, totalling 16 credits in Mathematical Literacy.
- > Unit standards at NQF Level 4, totalling 20 credits for Communication in a 1st language.
- > Unit standards at NQF Level 3, totalling 20 credits in Communication in a 2nd language.

It is therefore compulsory for learners to do Communication in two different South African languages, one at NQF Level 4 and the other at NQF Level 3.

Core Component (59 credits) Compulsory for all learners.

Elective Component: Learners are to choose unit standards totalling a minimum of 32 credits from those listed as electives.

The Elective component for this qualification is divided into two specialisations i.e. Apprentice Jockey and Assistant Trainer. Potential learners will select Elective unit standards from either of these options depending on the sub-sector of the thoroughbred horse racing field they are employed in or wish to become involved in.

The specialisations are as follows:

Apprentice Jockey:

- > Apply sport, recreation and fitness values and ethics.
- > Demonstrate an understanding of information pertaining to race horses in racing documents.
- > Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of the internet and the World Wide Web.
- > Devise and apply strategies to establish and maintain workplace relationships.
- > Engage in the promotion of health and wellness.
- > Jump a horse from the starting stalls at a race meeting.
- > Ride an equiciser at an advanced level.
- > Ride as a jockey in a horse race.

Assistant Trainer:

- > Break-in and back a race horse.
- > Demonstrate an understanding of rules affecting assistant trainers.
- > Explain the principles of training a horse for racing.
- > Nominate horses for races.
- > School a horse to jump from starting stalls.

#### **EXIT LEVEL OUTCOMES**

On achieving this Qualification, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify and solve problems with practical mathematical applications.
2. Communicate in verbal or written form with peers, the public, members of supervisory/management levels and other relevant roleplayers.
3. Analyse and investigate issues affecting the thoroughbred horseracing industry.

4. Apply thoroughbred horseracing rules, regulations and principles in order to ensure transparency and legitimacy in the sport.

5. Understand and apply complex aspects of equine health management and control.

#### Critical Cross-Field Outcomes:

This qualification addresses the following critical cross-field outcomes, as detailed in the unit standards:

1. Identify and solve problems and make decisions using critical and creative thinking.
2. Work effectively with others as a member of a team, group, organisation or community.
3. Organise and manage themselves and their activities responsibly and effectively.
4. Collect, analyse, organise and critically evaluate information.
5. Communicate effectively, using visual, mathematical and/or language skills in the modes of oral and/or written presentations.
6. Use science and technology effectively and critically, showing responsibility towards the environment and health of others.
7. Demonstrate an understanding of the world as a set of related systems by recognising that problem-solving contexts do not exist in isolation.

#### **ASSOCIATED ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

##### Associated Assessment Criteria for Exit Level Outcome 1:

1.1 Thoroughbred horse racing challenges are identified utilising mathematical principles in terms of determining requirements.

1.2 Mathematical principles and techniques are used to solve problems related to personal and business contexts.

> Range: Personal and business contexts refers to personal finance, statistics and probability, other practical applications such as monitoring, thoroughbred training and thoroughbred horseracing.

1.3 Mathematical principles and techniques are applied while performing tasks in a thoroughbred horseracing context in respect of calculations.

> Range: Thoroughbred horseracing calculations, geometric shapes applied against wind resistance, mass, volume, temperature and pressure.

##### Associated Assessment Criteria for Exit Level Outcome 2:

2.1 Verbal communication is used in the interaction with other role players in the thoroughbred horseracing process to determine and understand the extent of thoroughbred horseracing requirements.

2.2 Thoroughbred horseracing applications are implemented by giving and getting feedback of thoroughbred horseracing requirements.

2.3 Written communication is used in order to understand, evaluate and report on thoroughbred horseracing issues, and problems.

2.4 Technical reading skills are applied in order to understand thoroughbred regulations and task specifications.

2.5 Technical writing skills are applied in order to record thoroughbred horseracing activities and instructions.

##### Associated Assessment Criteria for Exit Level Outcome 3:

3.1 Problem solving techniques are applied to meet challenges in the thoroughbred horseracing industry.

3.2 Financial business principles are applied to maximise potential in the thoroughbred horseracing industry.