FET COLLEGES FIRST

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER STUDY

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VOCATIONAL)

The FET College sector is a result of the merger of the former 152 technical colleges into 50 FET Colleges with multi campus sites. These campuses are distributed across the country and serve rural, peri-urban and urban communities. The geographic distribution provides opportunities for communities to access skills development courses.

The Department of Higher Education and Training introduced the National Certificate (Vocational) at public Further Education and Training (FET) in 2007. The NC(V) offers programmes of study in a variety of vocational fields.

FET Colleges have become first choice institutions for further learning for many young people as the programmes directly respond to the priority skills demands of the South African economy. The FET Colleges further offer theory and practical learning. After completion of the 3rd year qualification, there are many exit options for young people to choose.

The National Certificate (Vocational) is offered at Levels 2, 3 and 4 of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). The practical component of the study may be offered in the workplace or in a simulated workplace environment. Students have the opportunity to experience work environment during the period of study.

THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VOCATIONAL) PROGRAMMES

A relevant modern qualification offered by FET Colleges

The Structure and Rules of Combinations of subjects for NC(V).

The structure and combination of subjects is applicable at every level of study of the qualification, i.e. Levels 2 to 4.

SUBJECTS

3 Compulsory subjects:

First additional: This must be one of the official languages in South Africa and should be offered as a language of teaching and learning:

Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy;

Life Orientation.

4 Vocational Subjects:

These are subjects approved from the sub-field organisation of the NQF.

Sub-field Programmes offered in the qualification

These are 14 programmes. The subject combinations in each of the programmes provide a high degree of specialisation for a particular programme. It is important to note that of the 4 compulsory vocational subjects, the 4th subject may be chosen from any field to provide the student with high levels of specialisation.

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VOCATIONAL) PROGRAMMES

There are currently 14 National Certificate (Vocational) programmes on offer. More programmes and subjects will be developed in the future. The NC(V) programmes are the following:

1. **Management**
2. **Marketing**
3. **Information Technology & Computer Science**
4. **Finance, Economics and Accounting**
5. **Office Administration**
6. **Electrical Infrastructure Construction**
7. **Civil Engineering and Building Construction**
8. **Engineering and Related Design**
9. **Primary Agriculture**
10. **Hospitality**
11. **Tourism**
12. **Safety in Society**
13. **Mechatronics**
14. **Education and Development**

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS TO THE NC(V) PROGRAMMES

For entry into the National Certificate (Vocational) at NQF Level 2, you require:

- A year end school report for Grades 11 or 12 certificate; or
- An NQF Level 1 qualification; or
- An approved bridging programme designed for the specific purpose to access NQF Level 2; or
- A Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) assessment to meet the basic requirements for access to NQF Level 2
- Grade 9 and 10 will be considered only on exceptional cases.

WHAT ARE EXIT OPPORTUNITIES AT FET COLLEGES?

Students will have the following options:

- Access workplace opportunities in a work environment or sector relevant to his/her vocational specialisation (such as a bank/insurance company after doing the Financial, Economics & Accounting programme).
- Access the workplace with the occupational specialisation he/she might have opted for through the 4th subject option (such as motor mechanics after opting for Automotive Repair & Maintenance)
- Progress into higher education
- Pursue further training at the same/horizontal level
- Self-employment.

DoE FET COLLEGES BURSARY SCHEME

In order to facilitate access to the National Certificate (Vocational) qualification, the Department of Higher Education and Training has made bursaries available. The National Student Financial Aid Scheme administers the bursaries on behalf of the Department of Higher Education and Training.

WHO MAY APPLY FOR THE DoE FET COLLEGES BURSARY SCHEME?

You are eligible to apply for a bursary if you are:

- A South African citizen.
- Enrolled or intending to enrol for the NC(V) programmes at any of the 50 public FET colleges in South Africa.
- In need of financial assistance.
- Able to demonstrate potential for academic success.

WHERE CAN A STUDENT APPLY FOR A BURSARY?

A student can apply for a bursary at any of the 50 public FET Colleges. When you enrol for NC(V) programmes at the college, you may apply for a bursary.

Detailed information on FET College NC(V) programmes, qualifications and contact details of colleges are available on the Department's website. The address is http://www.education.gov.za

Any questions on public and private FET Colleges may be directed to the Call Centre for the Department of Higher Education and Training listed below.

Call Centre Number: 012 312 5878 • Fax: 012 323 8817/9838

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FET COLLEGES

CONTACT DETAILS

EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Buffalo City FET College, East London (043) 704 9201
East Cape Midlands FET College, Uitenhage (041) 995 2000
Ikhala FET College, Queenstown (047) 873 8843
Ingwe FET College, Mt Frere (039) 255 1204/0346
King Hintsa FET College, Butterworth (047) 491 3722
King Sabata Dalindyebo FET College, Umtata (047) 536 0923/4
Lovedale FET College, King Williams Town (043) 642 1331
Port Elizabeth FET College, Port Elizabeth (041) 585 7771

FREE STATE PROVINCE

Flavius Mareka FET College, Sasolburg (016) 976 0815/0829
Goldfields FET College, Welkom (057) 392 1027
Maluti FET College, Witsieshoek (058) 713 3048/6100
Motheo FET College, Bloemfontein (051) 406 9300

GAUTENG PROVINCE

Central Johannesburg FET College, Parktown (011) 484 1388
Ekurhuleni East FET College, Springs (011) 736 4400
Ekurhuleni West FET College, Germiston (011) 323 1600
Sedibeng FET College, Vereeniging (016) 422 6645
South West FET College, Florida (011) 984 1260
Tshwane North FET College, Pretoria (012) 323 8623
Tshwane South FET College, Centurion (012) 660 8581
Western FET College, Randfontein (011) 693 3608

KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

Coastal FET College, Amanzimtoti (031) 905 7000/2595
Elangeni FET College, Pinetown (031) 716 6700
Esayidi FET College, Port-Shepstone (039) 684 0110
Majuba FET College, Newcastle (034) 326 4888
Mnambithi FET College, Ladysmith (036) 638 3800
Mthashana FET College, Vryheid (034) 980 1010
Thekwini FET College, Asherville (031) 250 8400
Umfolozi FET College, Richards Bay (035) 902 9503
Umgungundlovu FET College, Pietermarizburg (033) 341 2100

LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Capricorn FET College, Polokwane (015) 297 8367/8389
Lephalale FET College, Lephalale (014) 763 2252/1014
Letaba FET College, Tzaneen (015) 307 5440
Mopani South East FET College, Phalaborwa (015) 781 5721/5
Sekhukhune FET College, Groblersdal (013) 269 0278
Vhembe FET College, Makhado (015) 963 3156
Waterberg FET College, Mokopane (015) 491 8581

MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Ehlanzeni FET College, Nelspruit (013) 752 7105
Gert Sibande FET College, Standerton (017) 712 9040/1458/1459
Nkangala FET College, Witbank (013) 690 1430/3824

NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Northern Cape Rural FET College, Upington (054) 331 3836
Northern Cape Urban FET College, Kimberley (053) 839 2000/2061

NORTH WEST PROVINCE

Orbit FET College, Rustenburg (014) 592 7014
Taletso FET College, Mmabatho (018) 384 2346/7/9
Vuselela FET College, Klerksdorp (018) 406 7800

WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Boland FET College, Stellenbosch (021) 886 7111/2
College of Cape Town FET College, Cape Town (021) 404 6700/8
False Bay FET College, Westlake (021) 701 1919
Northlink FET College, Parow (021) 930 9000
South Cape FET College, George (044) 884 0359
West Coast FET College, Malmensbury (022) 482 1143/79/95

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