

NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE FOR ADULTS (NASCA)

Background: NASCA allows learners with incomplete Senior Certificate credits, as well as adult learners 18 years and older, to complete their Senior Certificate.

- a. To be awarded the NASCA a learner has to pass 120 credits on NQF level 4 obtaining at least 50% in four 30 credit subjects. At least four subjects are required for certification. The four 30 credit subjects must be from:
 1. A minimum of two compulsory subjects – one language and the other either Mathematics or Quantitative Literacy;
 2. A minimum of two additional subjects selected from:
 - An additional official language
 - Natural Sciences (Biology, Physics or Chemistry)
 - Information and Communication Technology
 - Human and Social Science (History or Geography)
 - Economics and Management Sciences (Economics, Business Studies or Finance)
- b. No endorsement is indicated on the certificate. NASCA is a certificate of competence per se.

Admission requirements for National Senior Certificate for Adults (NASCA)

National Senior Certificate for Adults (NASCA) candidates will only be considered for Extended Diploma and Diploma programmes.

Selection criteria:

- a. Senate Discretionary Conditional Admission for applicants who have successfully completed the NASCA and who have applied for admission to an Extended Diploma or Diploma in CBE provided that:
 1. The applicant meets the following minimum subject requirements:
 - English 60% APS 5
 - Maths 60% APS 5 or
 - Maths Literacy 70% APS 6
 2. The applicant complete a PsyCaD assessment; obtaining an unconditional recommendation; and
 3. The relevant Director of School recommend the admission.
- b. Applicants may also be required to write a placement/aptitude test to evaluate their learning potential for the relevant programme/s.
- c. Selection is based on academic merit and the availability of places and hence specific selection criteria may be applied within the required Enrolment Management Plan as the University has a specific number of places available as approved by the Department of Higher Education and Training for new undergraduate first year students.

AMENDED SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC(a))

Background: The following learners will qualify for admission to the Amended Senior Certificate:

- a. Adult learners who are 21 years and older who have:
 1. A General Education and Training Certificate (GETC); or
 2. A Grade 9 school report (or the old standard seven), stating that they have passed Grade 9 or Standard 7; or
 3. A recognised equivalent qualification obtained at NQF Level which requires two official languages;
- b. Adult learners who are 21 years and older with an incomplete Senior Certificate qualification;
- c. Adult learners who are 21 years and older with an incomplete National Senior Certificate and whose School-Based Assessment (SBA) validity has expired;
- d. Only in exceptional cases, out of school youth, who are 18-21 years old and who could not complete their school education due to circumstances beyond their control, as verified by the Head of Department in the Provincial Education Department.

To be awarded the Amended Senior Certificate (SC(a)) a learner has to complete six subjects and obtain the following minimum results:

- a. Pass three subjects at 40%, one of which must be an official language at Home Language level;
- b. Pass two subjects at 30%, one of which must be an official language at First Additional or Home Language level;
- c. Obtain a subminimum of 20% in the sixth subject.

No endorsement is indicated on the certificate as subjects might be a combination of NC (until 2007) and NSC (from 2008) subjects.

Admission requirements for the Amended Senior Certificate (SC(a))

Amended Senior Certificate (SC(a)) candidates will only be considered for Extended Diploma, Diploma, Extended Degree and BA Degree programmes.

Selection criteria:

- a. Senate Discretionary Conditional Admission for candidates who have successfully completed the SC(a) and who have applied for admission to an Extended Diploma, Diploma, Extended Degree or BA Degree programmes in CBE provided that: