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COURSE BROCHURE

Pre-2009 NQF Level Understanding

Law, Military Science and Security / Safety in Society

Unit Standard 256520 · NQF Level 4 · 11 Credits · 8 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides a comprehensive understanding of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) as it existed prior to the 2009 restructuring. Learners will gain the ability to interpret pre-2009 NQF levels, align qualifications with the old framework, and apply this knowledge in educational and workplace contexts.

Category	Law, Military Science and Security
Subfield	Safety in Society
Unit Standard	256520
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 4 · 11 Credits
Duration	8 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Explain the structure and principles of the pre-2009 NQF.
- Distinguish between NQF levels and their descriptors as defined before 2009.
- Apply pre-2009 NQF level designations to historical qualifications and unit standards.
- Analyze the relationship between pre-2009 NQF levels and the current NQF framework.
- Demonstrate the ability to locate and interpret pre-2009 NQF information from SAQA databases.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for educators, trainers, HR professionals, and quality assurance practitioners who need to work with qualifications and unit standards registered under the pre-2009 NQF.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to the NQF and Pre-2009 Framework

- Overview of the NQF: levels, bands, and purpose.
- Historical development of the NQF in South Africa.
- Key features of the pre-2009 NQF structure.
- Introduction to SAQA and its role in qualification development.
- Comparison of pre-2009 and current NQF level descriptors.
- Understanding unit standards: format, credits, and learning outcomes.
- Examples of pre-2009 qualifications in various fields.
- The transition from pre-2009 to the current NQF.

Day 2: NQF Level Descriptors and Pre-2009 Levels

- Detailed breakdown of pre-2009 NQF levels 1–8.
- Knowledge demands at each level.
- Skills and competencies required.
- Responsibility and autonomy expectations.
- Comparing pre-2009 and post-2009 level descriptors.
- Practical exercise: mapping a pre-2009 qualification to current levels.
- Case studies: level descriptors in action.
- Common misconceptions about pre-2009 levels.

Day 3: Unit Standards and Credits in the Pre-2009 System

- Anatomy of a pre-2009 unit standard: title, purpose, range, etc.
- Notional hours and credit calculation.
- Specific outcomes and their role.
- Assessment criteria and evidence requirements.
- Accreditation and registration of unit standards.
- Examples of unit standards from different fields.
- Practical exercise: reviewing a sample unit standard.
- Linking unit standards to full qualifications.

Day 4: Qualification Types and Design in the Pre-2009 Era

- Pre-2009 qualification types: certificates, diplomas, degrees.
- National qualifications vs. component unit standards.
- The role of SGBs in developing qualifications.
- Qualification design principles: coherence, articulation.
- Registration of qualifications on the NQF.
- Case study: a pre-2009 national diploma.
- Comparison with current qualification frameworks.
- Challenges in the pre-2009 qualification system.

Day 5: Assessment and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in the Pre-2009 Context

- Assessment methods: formative and summative.
- Evidence requirements for pre-2009 unit standards.
- Role of the assessor and moderator.
- Introduction to Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).
- RPL processes in the pre-2009 context.

- Challenges and benefits of RPL.
- Practical exercise: developing an assessment plan for a unit standard.
- Case studies: RPL success stories.

Day 6: Transition from Pre-2009 to Current NQF

- Drivers for NQF reform: quality, coherence, international comparability.
- Key changes: level descriptors, qualification types, credit system.
- The role of SAQA in the transition.
- Recognition of pre-2009 qualifications: legacy provisions.
- Credit transfer and articulation pathways.
- Impact on learners and institutions.
- Case study: mapping a pre-2009 qualification to the current framework.
- Future outlook: integration and lifelong learning.

Day 7: Practical Application: Analysing and Interpreting Pre-2009 Documents

- Workshop: analysing sample pre-2009 unit standards.
- Group exercise: calculating credits for a set of unit standards.
- Interpreting level descriptors for specific occupations.
- Building a qualification pathway from pre-2009 unit standards.
- Peer review and feedback.
- Common pitfalls in interpretation.
- Documentation and record-keeping.
- Q&A; session.

Day 8: Review, Integration, and Assessment

- Recap of key concepts from Days 1–7.
- Integrating pre-2009 knowledge with current practices.
- Group discussion: challenges and solutions.
- Final assessment: written test and practical exercise.
- Feedback and individual guidance.
- Resources for continued learning.
- Certification information.
- Course evaluation.

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **11 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 4**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 30,700.00	R 30,700.00
1	In-House	R 39,900.00	R 39,900.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 46,000.00	R 46,000.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
11 Aug 2026	20 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
11 Aug 2026	20 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
12 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
13 Aug 2026	24 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
14 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
17 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
18 Aug 2026	27 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Shenzhen, China

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 256520) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
2. **Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to apply@aaticd.co.za – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
3. **Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call +27 12 004 8389 or WhatsApp +27 65 077 6310 and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
4. **Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

Group discounts apply automatically – the more delegates you enrol, the lower the price per delegate. No payment is required to request a quotation.

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