



# National Certificate Plant Production

SAQA ID 49009

STUDY PROSPECTUS  
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# NATIONAL CERTIFICATE PLANT PRODUCTION

## COURSE OVERVIEW

National Certificate: Plant production | NQF 4, 142 Credits

## QUALIFICATION RULES

The National Certificate in Plant Production is an academic online programme and is made up of a planned combination of learning outcomes that have a defined purpose and will provide qualifying learners with applied competence and a basis for further learning.

The qualification is made up of Unit Standards that are classified as Fundamental, Core and Elective. A minimum of 140 credits is required to complete the qualification.

In this qualification the credits are allocated as follows:

|               |                     |             |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Fundamental:  | 68 credits:         | 49%         |
| Core:         | 59 credits:         | 41%         |
| Electives:    | 15 credits:         | 10%         |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>142 credits:</b> | <b>100%</b> |

## PRE-REQUISITES

Learners accessing this qualification are assumed to be competent in:

- Communication at NQF Level 2
- Mathematical Literacy at NQF Level 2
- Agricultural activities at NQF 3

## WORKPLACE RELEVANCE

The **National Certificate: Plant Production NQF 4 (SAQA ID 49009)** qualification is designed to meet the needs of those learners who intend to set up or have already set up own ventures, would like to find formal employment in the primary agricultural sector, or who would like to extend their studies, especially to the level of Junior Farm Manager.

Assessment of the competencies and knowledge in the qualification will be done in the context of the above learning outcomes.

The range of typical learners that will enter this qualification will vary and includes:

- Farm operators who wish to progress to the level of Junior Farm Manager;
- Learners in possession of different levels of practical experience in farming operations, which will be assessed and RPL'ed;
- School leavers (Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate)



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## WHAT YOU STUDY

1. Communication in the workplace
2. Basic computer skills
3. Applied Mathematics and Statistics I
4. Agricultural Sciences I
5. Introduction to Agri-Engineering Technology I
6. Agricultural management I
7. Plant Production I

## CURRICULUM LAYOUT

### Introductory Module

- Induction Course: Introduction to Agripedia

### Module 1: Communication skills

- Garcias: Introduction to the Mental Approach to Farming
- Learning approach and processes
- Engage in sustained oral communication and evaluate spoken texts
- Apply comprehension skills to engage written texts in a business environment / use language and communication in occupational learning programmes
- Interpret a variety of literary texts / interpret and use information from texts
- Accommodate audience and context needs in oral communication & apply comprehension skills to engage oral texts in a business environment
- Write texts for a range of communicative contexts. Read, analyse and respond to a variety of texts.
- The Farm Plan: Implementing integrated farm layout and site selection

### Module 2: Basic computer skills

- Work with spreadsheets & Ensure spreadsheet integrity to enhance reliability
- Manage electronic mail in a business environment
- Review and create documents using a Graphical User Interface (GUI)-based word processor
- Use computer technology to research a computer topic & demonstrate an understanding of the principles of the internet and the world-wide-web

### Module 3: Applied Mathematics and Statistics I

- Introduction to Biometry and Mathematical Principles
- Statistical probabilities in hypothesis testing, confidence intervals & variances
- Implement and interpret a data collection plan
- Use mathematics to investigate and monitor financial aspects
- Solve problems in sequences and series and simulated situations
- Patterns and Inverses of functions





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- Complex numbers in non-trivial situations

## **Module 4: Agricultural Sciences**

- Ecology and Agro Ecology
- Farming economics and agri-economic factors
- History of agricultural marketing
- Basic agricultural genetics
- Basic agricultural chemistry
- Introduction to Soil Sciences and geology
- Animal and plant biological concepts

## **Module 5: Introduction to Agri Engineering and Technology**

- Agricultural safety
- Structural materials
- Energy
- Construction processes
- Tools and Equipment
- Irrigation and water supply
- Drawings
- Measurement, calculations and calibrations

## **Module 6: Agricultural Management I**

- Introduction to farm management
- *Agricultural Economics I: Introduction to Marketing and Economics*
  - Integrate marketing plans with business processes
- *Management of Natural and Sustainable Resources*
  - Design a natural resource management plan
  - Manage and control resources in a sustainable manner
  - Financial management on the agri-business
  - Food Safety and Quality Management Systems
  - Human Resource Management

## **Module 7: Plant Production I**

- Introduction to Plant Production
- Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition
- Plant Biology
- Plant Manipulation methods
- Propagation of plants
- Permaculture
- Organic Certification



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- Crops in Hydroponics
- Pests and Weed control
- Harvesting plan
- Principles of Agronomy
- Grazing and Pasture Science
- Agro Chemicals and Chemical Applications

### METHODOLOGY

The National Certificate in Plant Production is presented as an exciting e-learning programme. This is done through own studies, reading and the online submission of assignments.

This is a participatory learning programme, where the student will also be able to communicate with fellow students across the country via, Agri-social, our social media platform. This platform allows for questions to be discussed, and the opportunity to upload and share interesting articles, images, and videos.

Throughout the academic year, lecturers will be available on the Agri-social platform. They are also readily accessible via email, SMS, WhatsApp or direct telephonic contact.

Theoretical studies are completed through our online Agri-learn platform and the student is provided with a practical logbook to achieve practical competencies and experiences through the student's own workplace. Where needed, students will be assisted towards practical competence through our work placement programme.

### ACADEMIC FEES

The following academic fees are applicable for 2022:

| Methods of payment:   | Year 1 (2022): NAD 26 910 |
|---|---------------------------|
| At registration:  | NAD 2 000.00              |
| After Registration: 50% deposit                               | NAD 13 455.00             |
| At the beginning of the second term:<br>(outstanding balance) | NAD 13 455.00             |

### ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

If you are not in a financial position to pay full quarterly amount, you may apply in writing for the payment of modules on a month-to-month basis. Please direct your application to: The Financial Director, apvtraining@agra.com.na

### WHY AGRA AGRICULTURAL ACADEMY?

- Courses are SAQA accredited
- World class lectures and affiliated academics



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- Custom-designed online Agricultural Campus that includes e-learning modules and an online encyclopaedia for lifelong support

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