GOVERNMENT NOTICES

SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY

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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

Nature Conservation

registered by Organising Field 01, Agriculture and Nature Conservation, 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.saqa.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.

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QUALIFICATION:
Further Education and Training Certificate: Professional Hunting

SAQA QUAL ID	***QUALIFICATION TITLE***		
58930	Further Education and Training Certificate: Professional Hunting		
ORIGINATOR		***PROVIDER***	
SGB Nature Conservation			
QUALIFICATION TYPE	***FIELD***	***SUBFIELD***	
Further Ed and Training Cert	1 - Agriculture and Nature Conservation	Nature Conservation	
ABET BAND	***MINIMUM CREDITS***	***NQF LEVEL***	***QUAL CLASS***
Undefined	133	Level 4	Regular-Unit Stds Based

PURPOSE OF THE QUALIFICATION
Purpose:

The Further Education and Training Certificate: Professional Hunting, addresses the skills and competencies enabling qualifying, licensing and registration as a Professional Hunter to access employment opportunities in the hunting environment in South Africa.

The professional hunter is both an ambassador for the country and the provider of a business service, and the purpose of the qualification is to equip learners with the knowledge, skills, values and qualities to successfully fulfil these roles.

After successful completion of this qualification learners will be able to:

- Operate in the Professional Hunting environment.
- Apply legislative requirements applicable to Professional Hunting.
- Handle and maintain weapons for hunting purposes.
- Maintain hunting ethics and traditions in the operational environment.
- Interact with clients in the Professional Hunting environment.
- Execute a hunting experience according to industry standards.
- Deal with hunting trophies in the correct manner.

Rationale:

The Professional Hunting industry is characterized by the delivery of hunting services to national and international clients and contributes significantly to the country's foreign exchange earnings, a contribution in access of R 800 million per annum.

The Professional Hunting sector requires standardization of training and development in order to register with relevant Professional Hunting Bodies and training against a recognized qualification is embedded in the Firearms Control Act as a requirement. In addition to this legislation, the sector is furthermore regulated by Nature Conservation legislation in terms of protected species. The acquiring of recognized skills and abilities is therefore required by the sector in order to meet legislative requirements and to remain profitable in order to increase growth and job opportunities.

This qualification enables the qualifying learner to ensure that every aspect of a hunting experience is carried on within the parameters of the law. It focuses strongly on the rejection of unethical hunting practices, and promotes awareness of the conservation of the natural

environment. In addition the qualification encompasses learning programmes that has come to be the accepted standard for licensing new professional hunters in the industry.

The qualification is designed to provide the skills and abilities for people who are both experienced recreational plains game hunters required to register for this purpose but will also enable progression from dedicated hunter to professional hunter status for individuals following a career path in this sector. Training and development to address access and redress in this sector where transformation is not yet evident will also be enabled by this qualification.

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RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING
It is assumed that learners accessing this qualification:

- Are competent in Communication and Mathematical Literacy at NQF Level 3.
- Have at least two years experienced in recreational hunting.
- Are proficient in the relevant and applicable weapons unit standards.

Recognition of Prior Learning:

This Qualification can be achieved wholly or in part through the Recognition of Prior Learning and the Qualification may be granted to learners who have acquired the skills and knowledge without attending formal courses providing they can demonstrate competence in the outcomes of the individual Unit Standards as required by the Fundamental, Core and Elective areas stipulated in the Qualification and by the Exit Level Outcomes.

An RPL process may also be used to credit learners with Unit Standards in which they have developed the necessary competency as a result of workplace and experiential learning.

RPL may also be used by learners, who are not in possession of a GETC or equivalent qualification, to gain access to the Qualification.

Learners submitting themselves for RPL should be thoroughly briefed prior to the assessment, and may be required to submit a Portfolio of Evidence in the prescribed format to be assessed for formal recognition. While this is primarily a workplace-based Qualification, evidence from other areas of endeavour may be introduced if pertinent to any of the exit level outcomes.

Access to the qualification:

There is access to any learner who complies with the learning assumed to be in place or equivalent competencies and is in possession of a valid firearm license. It is required that learners are able to arrange for assessment whilst conducting a professional hunting experience.

QUALIFICATION RULES
To complete this qualification the learner must have 56 Fundamental, 67 Core and a minimum of 10 credits from the Elective category to total 133 credits.

EXIT LEVEL OUTCOMES
1. Operate in a Professional Hunting environment.

2. Interact with clients.

3. Execute a hunting experience with clients.