



SAESI MAKING HISTORY WITH E-PLATFORM FOR RPL

Today SAESI has made history again. The NQF 4 Occupational Certificate Fire Fighter can from today be accessed through the RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) route utilising a digital platform.

For the first time in Fire Fighter history the knowledge assessments of training have been converted into a digital format and are being hosted on an e-learning platform enabling upload and submission of an E-Portfolio. Similarly the E-Assessment and E-Marking have been converted into a digital format and hosted on an e-learning platform.

This meant the conversion of the NQF 4 Occupational Certificate Fire Fighter, to the QCTO Assessment methodology, ensuring alignment with the LGSETA programmes and the QCTO requirements.

A pilot project with 100 candidates across the country affording them RPL through this platform and instrument has gone live. Candidates from all over South Africa, Africa and the world will be able to use this process to RPL themselves against the NQF 4 qualification through SAESI. The successful candidates will after completion of the mandatory External Integrated Summative Assessment as mandated by QCTO receive from QCTO the Qualification Certificate.

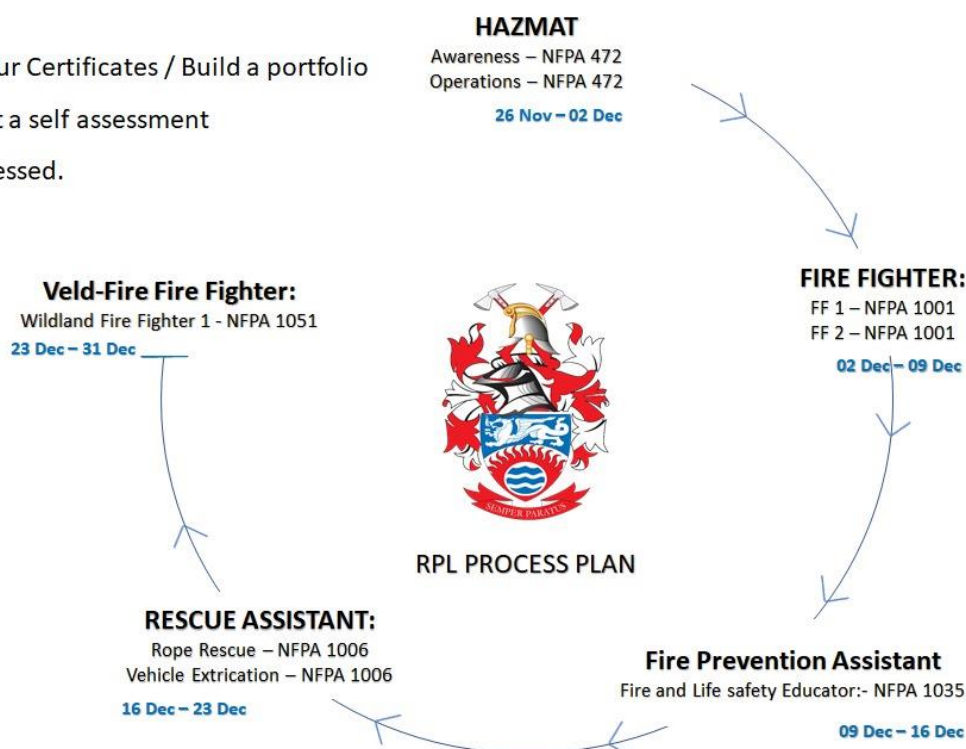
The NQF 4 Occupational Certificate Fire Fighter as aligned with LGSETA and QCTO programmes and policy prescribes for qualifications is fully benchmarked against the International Standards of the NFPA, incorporating NFPA 472,1001,1006,1035 and 1051.

For those worried that it will not be on “standard” or equal to the international IFSAC Certification on these NFPA Levels, the NQF 4 Occupational Certificate Fire Fighter and the RPL Instrument is 100% aligned to the live training portfolio required when attending fire fighter training at an accredited training provider.

Although The RPL programme assessment criteria and artefact requirements have been converted into a digital format, the assessments are the same as if the candidate is doing live training.

The Process Plan looks as follow:

1. Load your Certificates / Build a portfolio
2. Conduct a self assessment
3. Get Assessed.



From loading and getting the 100 learners system ready, the whole RPL Process towards the qualification can be concluded by as soon as end of January 2020. Assessments of evidence can take place within 1 (one) week of the assessment E-Portfolio having been uploaded.

SAESI can track every learner and their progress on a daily basis after assessments.

Not only does this digital instrument break new ground on RPL Assessment but have opened up the possibilities for Fire Fighter Training as a whole to migrate into the digital assessment methodology for all the training providers and requirements.

We want to thank the partners who have made this quantum leap possible.

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