

Energy efficient qualifications finalised

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Occupational qualifications developed by the National Cleaner Production Centre South Africa (NCPC-SA) in partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation, the German Development Institute (GIZ) and the Energy and Water Sector Education and Training Authority (Ewseta) for energy efficiency have been finalised.

One of the qualifications has been registered in accordance with the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).

“It fills us with some satisfaction to advise that the Energy Efficiency Technician (Energy Audit Technician) Occupational Qualification, ID number 99426 has been registered on the NQF by SAQA, at Level 6,” reports NCPC-SA skills development manager **Wynand van der Merwe**.

He notes that the NCPC-SA and other entities have been trying to reduce energy consumption since 2010, partly through equipping people and corporations with skills to optimise the efficient use of energy.

“As we progressed, we realised that it was necessary that these people were recognised for the unique skills they acquired.

“This recognition enhances the technician’s credibility while also allowing for upward movement in terms of their personal career development.”

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This qualification will ensure that technicians have a unique skill set that is in high demand

munications manager **Julie Wells** notes that the significance of this qualification is far reaching for the energy and engineering sectors.

“Until now, the only certification a professional could get in South Africa in this field was an international one – a certified energy manager qualification, for example.

Now there are South African qualifications, this means that not only can those who receive them claim a professional designation, but employers can report this training as part of their skills plans in line with broad-based black economic-empowerment requirements.”

Van der Merwe stresses that the