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**SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY**  
**REGISTERED QUALIFICATION:**

**Occupational Certificate: Poultry Farmer**

SAQA QUAL ID	QUALIFICATION TITLE							
99027	Occupational Certificate: Poultry Farmer							
<b>ORIGINATOR</b>								
Development Quality Partner - AgriSETA								
PRIMARY OR DELEGATED QUALITY ASSURANCE FUNCTIONARY	NQF SUB-FRAMEWORK							
-	OQSF - Occupational Qualifications Sub-framework							
QUALIFICATION TYPE	FIELD	SUBFIELD						
Occupational Certificate	Field 01 - Agriculture and Nature Conservation	Primary Agriculture						
ABET BAND	MINIMUM CREDITS	PRE-2009 NQF LEVEL	NQF LEVEL	QUAL CLASS				
Undefined	226	Not Applicable	NQF Level 05	Regular-ELOAC				
REGISTRATION STATUS	SAQA DECISION NUMBER	REGISTRATION START DATE	REGISTRATION END DATE					
Reregistered	EXCO 0425/24	2018-07-01	2025-12-30					
LAST DATE FOR ENROLMENT	LAST DATE FOR ACHIEVEMENT							
2026-12-30	2029-12-30							

In all of the tables in this document, both the pre-2009 NQF Level and the NQF Level is shown. In the text (purpose statements, qualification rules, etc), any references to NQF Levels are to the pre-2009 levels unless specifically stated otherwise.

This qualification does not replace any other qualification and is not replaced by any other qualification.

**PURPOSE AND RATIONALE OF THE QUALIFICATION**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this qualification is to prepare a learner to operate as a Poultry Farmer.

A Poultry Farmer attends to the management and control of a poultry-farming unit, the resources required, personnel, production targets, quality standards, and the optimal utilisation of the site.

A qualified learner will be able to:

- Attend to poultry husbandry, healthcare and biosecurity practices.
- Correct poultry production-related problems observed and provide guidance on production questions raised by subordinates.
- Lead and control work teams.
- Manage people, stock on hand and costs of a poultry-farming operation.
- Provide day-to-day direction and control poultry-farming operations to ensure that production targets and quality standards are met.
- Provide direction and oversee the functionality and maintenance of poultry-production units or sites.

**Rationale:**

The intensive farming nature of the Poultry-Farming sector requires skilled staff for the day-to-day running of the farm.

The range of components covered in this qualification addresses key poultry-farming concepts and competencies required by persons in large commercial operations and small-scale operations, as well as by emerging poultry producers. The Curriculum supports the initiatives of the sector to transform the sector, and to build and expand poultry operations in rural farming areas.

The South African Poultry Association (SAPA) supported the development of this Qualification. The SAPA represents all the major role-players in the different sections of poultry farming and has a membership in the order of 180 commercial farming operations as well as some 290 emerging poultry farmers.

Learners seeking to secure a career in the Commercial Poultry Farming sector as well as persons aiming to engage in small-scale poultry farming for personal gain will benefit from this qualification.

The establishment of small-scale poultry farming operations is recognised as an important opportunity for rural development in South Africa, both for subsistence purposes as well as emerging farmer development. These initiatives are supported by the scope and structure of this qualification.

On the other hand, large commercial poultry operations are finding it increasingly difficult to operate successfully within the global poultry production environment. Transformation of the sector; building skills and competencies to enhance competitiveness, is recognised by the sector as a key driver of future viability of the South African poultry industry.

## **LEARNING ASSUMED TO BE IN PLACE AND RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING**

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL):

RPL for access to the external integrated summative assessment:

Accredited providers and approved workplaces must apply the internal assessment criteria specified in the related Curriculum document to establish and confirm prior learning. Accredited providers and workplaces must confirm prior learning by issuing a Statement of Results or certifying a Work Experience Record.

RPL for access to the qualification:

Accredited providers and approved workplaces may recognise prior learning against the relevant access requirements.

Entry Requirements:

- NQF Level 4 with Mathematical Literacy.

## **RECOGNISE PREVIOUS LEARNING?**

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## **QUALIFICATION RULES**

This qualification is made up of the following compulsory Knowledge and Practical Skill Modules:

Knowledge Modules:

- 612201000-KM-01, Introduction to the poultry farming industry, at NQF Level 4, 6 Credits.
- 612201000-KM-02, The work environment on a poultry farm, at NQF Level 2, 6 Credits.
- 612201000-KM-03, Introduction to poultry production and disease control, at NQF Level 3, 8 Credits.
- 612201000-KM-04, Leading work teams on a poultry farm, at NQF Level 3, 4 Credits.
- 612201000-KM-05, Poultry farm business management concepts, at NQF Level 5, 8 Credits.
- 612201000-KM-06, Personnel management concepts, at NQF Level 5, 8 Credits.
- 612201000-KM-07, Anatomy and physiology of poultry, at NQF Level 4, 8 Credits.
- 612201000-KM-08, Poultry husbandry and healthcare, at NQF Level 5, 8 Credits.
- 612201000-KM-09, Poultry housing and equipment, at NQF Level 5, 6 Credits.

Total number of Credits for Knowledge Modules: 62.

Practical Skill Modules:

- 612201000-PM-01, Conduct poultry husbandry and record-keeping practices, at NQF Level 2, 6 Credits.
- 612201000-PM-02, Conduct biosecurity and healthcare practices, at NQF Level 2, 6 Credits.
- 612201000-PM-03, Recognise and address poultry production-related problems observed, at NQF Level 3, 8 Credits.
- 612201000-PM-04, Lead and direct work teams, at NQF Level 4, 6 Credits.
- 612201000-PM-05, Monitor and control costs and stock on hand, at NQF Level 5, 6 Credits.
- 612201000-PM-06, Attend to the personnel management functions on a poultry farming unit, at NQF Level 5, 8 Credits.
- 612201000-PM-07, Attend to the day-to-day management functions of poultry farming activities, at NQF Level 4, 8 Credits.
- 612201000-PM-08, Monitor, evaluate and respond to production trends, at NQF Level 5, 8 Credits.
- 612201000-PM-10, Manage the poultry unit maintenance and physical biosecurity measures, at NQF Level 4, 8 Credits.
- 612201000-PM-09, Manage the utilisation of a poultry site or farm, at NQF Level 05, 8 Credits.

Total number of Credits for Practical Skill Modules: 72.

This qualification also requires the following Work Experience Modules:

- 612201000-WM-01, Production, healthcare and biosecurity practices on a poultry farm, at NQF Level 2, 16 Credits.
- 612201000-WM-02, Provide guidance and address production, healthcare and biosecurity problems on a poultry farm, at NQF Level 3, 12 Credits.
- 612201000-WM-03, Allocate work and direct a work team in different poultry-farming production activities for a period of two weeks, at NQF Level 4, 8 Credits.
- 612201000-WM-04, Poultry farm records and administrative processes, at NQF Level 4, 8 Credits.
- 612201000-WM-05, Management of people, stock on hand and costs of a poultry farming unit, at NQF Level 5, 12 Credits.

- 612201000-WM-06, Attend to the management and reporting on operational planning and execution of poultry farming activities, at NQF Level 5, 24 Credits.
- 612201000-WM-07, Attend to the management, reporting on and control of facility utilisation and maintenance, at NQF Level 5, 12 Credits.

Total number of Credits for Work Experience Modules: 92.

## **EXIT LEVEL OUTCOMES**

1. Conduct poultry husbandry, healthcare and biosecurity practices.
2. Monitor and correct poultry production-related problems observed.
3. Lead and direct the activities of work teams on a poultry production unit.
4. Manage people, stock on hand and costs of a poultry farming operation.
5. Provide day-to-day direction and control poultry farming operations to ensure that production targets and quality standards are met.
6. Oversee the functionality and maintenance of poultry production units or sites.

## **ASSOCIATED ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

Associated Assessment Criteria for Exit Level Outcome 1:

- Workplace health and safety practices are complied with in accordance with workplace policies, standards and practices.
- The housing conditions of a poultry unit are monitored and adjusted to ensure optimal poultry health and production conditions.
- The daily supply of feed to poultry is monitored and adjusted to meet the required nutritional demands.
- The supply of water to poultry is monitored and adjusted to meet the demands of the birds.
- General healthcare practices are performed to ensure that the optimal health status of the birds is maintained.
- Cleaning and sanitation practices are performed to ensure that the required hygiene status of the poultry unit is maintained.
- Biosecurity controls are conformed with to meet the poultry site disease control protocols and standards.
- Data are collected and recorded to ensure the availability of complete and accurate daily records.

Associated Assessment Criteria for Exit Level Outcome 2:

- Environmental control practices and measures in poultry production facilities are monitored, deviations are recognised and corrective actions are formulated in accordance with standard procedures.
- Biosecurity practices and control measures on a poultry production unit are monitored, deviations are recognised and corrective actions formulated in accordance with standard procedures.
- Healthcare practices on a poultry production unit are monitored, deviations are recognised and corrective actions are formulated in accordance with standard procedures.
- Poultry nutrition practices are monitored, deviations are recognised and corrective actions are formulated in accordance with standard procedures.
- Ventilation problems are monitored, deviations are recognised and corrective actions are formulated in accordance with standard procedures.
- Sanitary factors that will impact on poultry health are monitored, deviations are recognised and corrective actions are formulated in accordance with standard procedures.
- Water quality, supply and microbial counts in water supply system are monitored, deviations are recognised and corrective actions