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HIGHER CERTIFICATE: EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (SAQA 64649 (23117), NQF LEVEL 5, 132 credits)

PURPOSE AND RATIONALE OF THE QUALIFICATION

The Higher Certificate is designed to provide access to higher education for many experienced and skilled ECD practitioners and trainers who do not have recognised qualifications. The purpose of this qualification is to:

1. Develop ECD ETD practitioners (e.g. home-based, centre- and school-based practitioners including Grade R, family and community ECD motivators, fieldworkers, facilitators, trainers and managers) to provide appropriate education, training and development services in the ECD sub-field.
2. Enable ECD ETD practitioners to use their knowledge of child growth and development from birth to nine years and relevant national policies to guide their professional practice in the ECD sub-field.

This qualification provides an opportunity for:

practitioners with a Level 4 certificate or equivalent in ECD to further their professional development in ECD by providing access to higher education and training qualifications and/or to specialise in aspects of ECD practice (e.g. Grade R) or specific roles (e.g. managers, trainers etc.).

practitioners with a Primary Teachers Certificate (PTC), Primary Teachers Diploma (PTD), or an equivalent of 120 credits to obtain an ECD certificate, either in the preschool phase and/or specialising in reception year teaching.

LEARNING ASSUMED TO BE IN PLACE AND RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

In order to achieve the exit outcomes of this qualification, learners need the following knowledge and skills equivalent to NQF Level 4:

- the ability to read, write and use written resource material for learning and teaching in at least two South African languages;
- the ability to understand fundamental mathematical/numeracy concepts;
- the applied competence outlined in the Core unit standards at ECD Level 4:
Facilitate Active Learning in ECD Programmes,
Facilitate Healthy Development in ECD Programmes, and
Manage the ECD Learning Programme.

DURATION OF ECD L4 COURSE:

A period of 13 months to complete knowledge, practical and workplace modules.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. The **minimum age of 18 years**.
2. **ECD L4**

METHOD OF TRAINING:

Online learning. (own device: phone, tablet, laptop or computer.)

WORK-INTEGRATED-LEARNING AT WORKPLACE LEARNING SITES

Knowledge, Practical and Workplace components are integrated, and all exercises or applied Practicals are occupationally directed (work tasks). All students will attend every 2 months, 28 hours, at a designated workplace site in your area. Student will compile a whole practical file during their year of study. On enrollment, student will go for an MOU at his/her desire workplace.

ON COMPETENCY ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE

- A Completion Letter from Shiloh Training, on successful completion of knowledge, practical skills and workplace components.
- A Statement of Results Endorsed by the ETDPSETA after endorsement
- An ETDPSETA accredited and sealed certificate.

FEE STRUCTURE		NB NOTE: Non-refundable registration- and monthly fees.
Formal Registration (once-off)	R2000 (includes registration and admin fee)	
Monthly Fee: 2 Options		
Monthly Fee (X13 mths)	R1300	
Penalty/Extension Fee	R2400 (failure to complete all modules and payments in time at end of 13-months)	
Cancellation Fee	R3900	
Interest on Arrear Accounts	7.85% interest charged on arrear accounts monthly	
All students are enrolled privately. NB: NO WORK PLACEMENTS!!		

CANCELLATION BY STUDENT

In the event of cancellation, R3,900.00 will be payable to Shiloh Training (Pty) Ltd. If a student cancels in the first three weeks, no cancellation fee will be charged, but non-refundable registration and monthly fees. If cancellation occurs after three weeks, a student will be required to pay the Cancellation Fee of R3,900.00 plus any monthly fees, pro-rata in arrears. Written Cancellation Letters to be sent to info@shilohtraining.co.za. If a student cancels on any of the first 14 days of a specific month, the account will be calculated pro-rata per day. But if a student cancels on the 15th day or thereafter, a full month's fee is due on cancellation for that specific month, plus cancellation fee.

With final submissions, your account must be paid for in full before your final Portfolio of Evidence is assessed. Shiloh Training (Pty) Ltd have the full and legal right to withhold the Statement of Results and/or all certificates, if there are any outstanding fees on your account on completion of HC: ECD L5 course.

MATERIAL/MODULES

Electronic modules: e-books and e-guides via e-learning. (own device/tablet/laptop/computer/data/wifi)
BUT: Students still build hard copy file evidence and Paxi it to provider on completion of each module.

COURSE LAYOUT

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LEVEL 5, SAQA ID 64649			
SHORT COURSE TITLE: UNIT STANDARDS	U/S NO	LEVEL	CREDITS
Promote healthy development in ECD programmes	13854	Level 5	12
Mediate active learning in ECD programmes	13853	Level 5	36
Develop and manage the ECD learning programme	13855	Level 5	24
Facilitate Literacy, Numeracy and Life Skills Learning Programmes in Grade R: Reception Year	2444260 2444257 2444256	Level 5	45
Apply workplace communication skills	8647	Level 5	10
Present information in a public setting	13925	Level 5	5
Build a Work Place / Practical File			

Qualification NOTE – reregistration status under review by SAQA. Several historically registered qualifications were initially excluded from extension, as outlined in Government Gazette No. 50742 (03 June 2024) and the QCTO Transitional Directive. Subsequent submissions led to Government Gazette No. 51771 (13 December 2024), allowing QCTO and SAQA to reconsider. By late August 2025, SAQA approved extensions for several qualifications, excluding the Higher Certificate: ECD (SAQA ID 23117/64649), though its 30 June 2024 enrolment deadline remains pending formal confirmation.

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