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Introduction

The accredited Skills Programme: Nature Site Guide at an NQF level 2, is an entry level occupational programme for individuals wishing to conduct local guided tourist experiences at natural and cultural sites.

It will equip delegates with practical skills and knowledge to create and conduct entertaining and informative short local tours with an emphasis on natural environments. It covers subject areas such as identifying tourist needs, limitations and expectations, ensuring the health and safety of tourists, planning a guided experience, providing informed and entertaining commentary, identifying plants and animals and interpreting signs, sounds and warning signals in the natural environment and pointing out human habitation, stars, constellations and planets.

Target Audience

The programme is aimed at guides or potential Tourist Guides who wish to register with the DEAT (Department Environmental Affairs and Tourism) as a Nature Site Guide.

Entry Requirements

- Competence in Communication Literacy at NQF Level 2.
- Competence Mathematical Literacy at NQF Level 2.
- Some product knowledge of history and culture will be beneficial.

Additional Requirements

- Access to tour guiding activities.
- A valid PDP license.
- A valid First Aid Certificate.
- Access to a workplace mentor.
- Access to a PC, software and the internet for research and online learning where applicable.

Hospitality & Tourism

Nature Site Guide

CATHSSETA Statement of Results

SP ID:	TGD/NatSGd/2/0029
NQF Level:	2
Credits:	41

Course Delivery & Assessment

We use a blend of inclass and virtual interactive learning, workplace learning, coaching and mentoring, theoretical assessment, practical workplace observation and self-study to embed skills.

You will need to:

- Attend all sessions.
- Complete practical workplace experiential learning and assignments.
- Demonstrate theoretical and practical understanding of programme content.
- Compile and submit a Portfolio of Evidence (PoE).

To receive your Statement Of Results, Nature Site Guide, you will need to compile, submit and be found competent on a Portfolio of Evidence (PoE).

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the skills programme, you will be able to:

- Assess individual and group tourist needs, expectations, limitations and interests and adapt the experience accordingly.
- Ensure the health and safety of tourists on a guided experience and meet with legal requirements.
- Identify and assess local heritage resources and plan a guided experience.
- Apply a set of professional ethics.
- Provide informed and entertaining commentary and evaluate and reflect on a guided experience.
- Identify prominent plants and animals and interpret signs, sounds and warning signals, in the natural environment.
- Explain and point out evidence of human habitation and relate to cultural history.
- Point out the most prominent stars, planets and constellations.
- Orientate oneself in the natural environment.





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Course Content

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Accreditation Body: CATHSSETA

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Unit Standard 8478:

Create a Guided Experience for Customers

- Establish the needs, limitations and expectations of tourists
- Identify and assess locally accessible heritage resources and plan a guided experience
- Provide informed and entertaining commentary
- Apply a set of professional ethics
- Ensure the health and safety of tourists on the guided experience with legal requirements
- Ensure legal requirements pertaining to the guided experience are adhered to
- Reflect on the guided experience

Unit Standard 8440:

Conduct a Guided Nature Experience in a Limited Geographical Area

- Identify prominent plants and animals
- Demonstrate an understanding of basic animal behaviour patterns and ecological principles
- Identify and interpret obvious signs and sounds in the natural environment
- Point out and explain evidence of human habitation and briefly relate cultural history
- Point out the most prominent stars, planets and constellations
- Demonstrate the ability to orientate oneself in the natural environment

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