Table: Standard Norms for Minimum Entry Criteria & Range of Notional Hours etc for National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) aligned Qualifications

NSQF Level attained after VET/ Skill Trg (STT/ LTT)	Short Term Training (STT)				Long Term Training (LTT)		
	Minimum entry criteria for undergoing Short Term Training (STT)		Minimum Range of Notional hours - In Multiple of 30)	Employability Skills (ES) to be Included in the notional hours	Minimum entry criteria for undergoing Long Term Training (LTT)	Minimum Range of Notional hours – In Multiple of 30)	Employability Skills (ES) – to be Included in the notional hours
	Min Education/ Vocational Education, Training and Skilling required for undergoing Short Term Training (STT)	Minimum Required Experience* for undergoing Short Term Training (STT)					
Level 1	□ No formal education	No Experience	150-210 Hours	30 hours	No LTT course	Nil	Nil
Level 2	• No formal education • May require ability to read and write for some qualifications	No Experience However, 1 year relevant experience may be desirable for some qualifications	210-270 Hours	30 hours	No LTT courses	Nil	Nil
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 1	No Experience					
Level 2.5	• 9th Grade pass • 8th Grade pass and pursuing continuous schooling	No Experience	240-300 Hours	30 hours	8th Grade Pass	1200 hours AND (for NTC only) 150 hours of project work	120 hours
	□ 8th grade pass	1 year relevant experience					
	□ 5th grade pass	4 year relevant experience					
	□ Ability to read and write	5 year relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 2	6 months of relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 1	1.5 year relevant experience					
Level 3	• Grade 10 pass • Grade 8 pass with two year of (NTC/ NAC) after 8th • Grade 8 pass and pursuing continuous schooling in regular school (in case of 2 year prog) • Grade 9 pass and pursuing continuous schooling in regular school	No Experience required.	270-390 Hours	30/ 60 hours	9th Grade Pass	1200 hours	120 hours
					8th Grade Pass	2400 hours AND (for NTC only) 150 hours of	180 Hours (min 90 hours module in 1st year)

	□ 9th Grade pass	1 year relevant experience				project work	
	□ 8th grade pass	2 year relevant experience					
	□ 5th grade pass	5 year relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 2.5	1.5 year relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 2	3 year relevant experience					
Level 3.5	• 11th Grade pass • Completed 1st year of 3-year diploma after 10th. • 10th grade pass and pursuing continuous schooling. • 8th grade pass with two years of NTC plus 1 year NAC/CITS	No Experience required	360-420 Hours	30 /60 hours	10th Grade Pass	1200 hours AND (for NTC only) 150 hours of project work	120 hours
	• 10th Grade pass • 8th grade pass with two years of any combination of NTC/NAC/CITS or equivalent. □ 8th Grade pass	One year relevant Experience required 3 year relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 3	1.5 year relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 2.5	3 year relevant experience					
Level 4	• 12th grade pass • Completed 2nd year of 3-year diploma (after 10th) • Pursuing 2nd year of 3-year regular Diploma (after 10th) • 10th grade pass with two years of any combination of NTC/NAC/CITS or equivalent. • 8th pass plus 2-year NTC plus 1-Year NAC plus 1-Year CITS • 10th grade pass and pursuing continuous schooling (for 2 year program) • 11th Grade Pass and pursuing continuous schooling	No Experience required.	390-480 Notional Hours of Training	30 hours/ 60 hours	11th Grade Pass or equivalent	1200 hours	120 hours
					10th Grade Pass or equivalent	2400 hours AND (for NTC only) 150 hours of project work	180 hours (min 90 hours module in 1st year)
	□ 11th Grade Pass	1 year relevant experience					
	□ 10th Grade Pass	2 year relevant experience					

	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 3.5	1.5 year relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 3.0	3 year relevant experience					
Level 4.5	• Completed 1st year of 3-year/ 4-years UG • Pursuing 1st year of 3-year/ 4-years UG and continuing education • Pursuing 3rd year of 3-year diploma after 10th and continuing education • Completed 3-year diploma after 10 • Completed 1st year of 2 year diploma after 12th • Pursuing 2nd year of 2- year diploma after 12 and continuing education • 12th Grade pass with 1-year NTC/NAC • 10th grade pass with 3 year of any combination of NTC/NAC/CITS or equivalent.	No Experience required	450-510 Notional Hours of Training OR For UG Students - 450 Hours of Internship + project work with Assessment	60 Hours	12th grade pass or equivalent	1200 hours AND (for NTC only) 150 hours of project work	120 hours
					10th Grade pass or equivalent	3600 hours	240 hours (Min 90 hours module in 1st year)
	□ 12th Grade Pass	1 year relevant experience					
	□ 10th grade pass with 2 year of any combination of NTC/NAC/CITS or equivalent.	1 year relevant experience					
	□ 8th Grade pass with 2-year NTC plus 1year NAC plus 1-year CITS	1 year relevant experience					
	□ 10th Grade pass	3 year relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 4	1.5 year relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 3.5	3 year relevant experience					
Level 5	• Completed 2nd year of 3-year/ 4-years UG • Pursuing 2nd year of 3-year/ 4-years UG and continuing education • Completed 2nd year of diploma (after 12th) • Pursuing 2nd year of 2-year diploma after 12th	No Experience required	480 to 570 Notional Hours of Training OR For UG Students - 510 Hours of Internship + project work with Assessment	60 hours	Completed 3 year diploma after 10th Grade	1200 hours	120 hours
					Completed 1st year UG or equivalent	1200 hours	120 hours
	□ 12th pass with 2 year of any combination of NTC/NAC/CITS or equivalent.	No Experience required					
	• Completed 3-year diploma after 10th • 12th Grade pass with 1-year of NTC/NAC • Completed 1st year of 3-year/ 4-years UG	1 year relevant experience			12th Grade pass or equivalent course	2400 hours	180 hours (Min 90 hours module in 1st year)
	□ 12th Grade pass	2 year relevant experience					
	□ 10th Grade pass	4 year relevant experience					

	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 4.5	1.5 year relevant experience			10 Grade pass plus 2 year NTC plus 1year relevant experience (only for CITS) OR 10th grade pass plus 1 year NTC plus 2 year relevant experience (only for CITS)	1200	120 Hours
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 4	3 year relevant experience					
Level 5.5 UG Degree	• Completed 3rd year of 3-year/ 4-years UG • Pursuing 3rd year of 3-year/ 4-years UG and continuing education • Completed 12th grade with 1-years of NTC plus 1-year NAC plus 1-year CITS	No Experience required	540 to 600 Notional Hours of Training OR For UG Students - 550 Hours of Internship + project work with Assessment	60 hours/ 90 hours	Completed UG 1st year or equivalent	2400 hours	180 hours (Min 90 hours module in 1st year)
	• 12th Grade Pass with 2 years of any combination of NTC/NAC/CITS or equivalent • Completed 2nd year diploma after 12 • Completed 2nd year of 3-year UG	1 year relevant experience			Completed UG 2nd year or equivalent	1200 hours	120 hours
	• 12th Grade pass with 1-year NTC/ NAC • Completed 3-year diploma (after 10th)	2 year relevant experience					
	□ Completed 3-year diploma after 10th	2 year relevant experience					
	□ 12th Grade pass	3 year relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 5	1.5 year relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 4.5	3 years relevant experience					
Level 6	• Pursuing first year of 2-year PG program after completing 3-year UG degree • Pursuing 1-year PG diploma after 3-year UG degree • Completed 4th year UG (in case of 4-year UG) • Pursuing 4th year UG (in case of 4-year UG) and continuing education	No Experience Required	570 to 660 Notional Hours of Training OR For UG/ PG	90 hours	Completed UG degree (3 year) OR Equivalent	1200 hours	120 hours
	□ Completed 3-Year UG Degree	1 year relevant experience					

	• 12th Grade Pass with 2 years of any combination of NTC/NAC/CITS • Completed 2 year of diploma after 12th	2 year relevant experience	Diploma Students - 600 Hours of Internship + project work with Assessment				
	□ Completed 1st year of 2 year diploma after 12th Grade	3 year relevant experience					
	□ 12th Grade pass	4 years of relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 5.5	1.5 years relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 5	3 years relevant experience					
Level 6.5	• Pursuing PhD (after 4-year UG honours with research) • Pursuing 2nd year of 2-year PG (after 3 year UG Degree) • Pursuing 1st year of 2-year PG (after 4 year UG Degree) • Completed 2-year PG degree (after 4 year UG)	No Experience Required	630 to 690 Notional Hours of Training OR For PG Students - 660 Hours of Internship + project work with Assessment	90 hours	Completed 4 year UG degree OR Completed PG Diploma after 3 year degree OR completed 1st year of 2 year PG program	1200 hour	120 hours
	• Completed 4-year UG program • Completed 1st year of 2-year PG after 3-year UG degree	1 year relevant experience					
	□ Completed 3-years UG	2 year relevant experience					
	□ Completed 2-year Diploma after 12th Grade (in any field)	3 years of relevant experience					
	□ 12 Grade Pass with 2 years of any combination of NTC/NAC/CITS	3 years relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 6	1.5 years relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 5.5	3 years relevant experience					
Level 7 PG Engg	□ Pursuing PhD	No Experience Required	660 to 750 Notional Hours of Training OR For PG Students - 720 Hours of Internship + project work with	120 hours			
	□ Pursuing 2nd year of 2-year PG after 4 year UG program	No Experience Required					
	□ Completed 2-year PG degree after 3-year UG	1 year relevant experience					
	□ Completed 4-year UG degree	2 year relevant experience					
	□ Completed 3-year UG degree	3 year relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 6.5	1.5 years relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 6	3 years relevant experience					

			Assessment				
Level 8 PhD/ More than 19 years	□ PhD in the relevant field	No Experience Required	750 onwards Notional Hours of Training OR urs of Internship & project	120 hours			
	□ PhD in any field	1 year relevant experience					
	□ 2-year PG in relevant field	3 year relevant experience					
	□ 2-year PG in any field	4 year relevant experience					
	□ 3-year UG in relevant field or 4-years UG	5 year relevant experience					
	□ 3-year UG in any field	6 year relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 6.5	4.5 years relevant experience					
	□ Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 7	3 years relevant experience					