HIGHER OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE

Sound Operator

SAQA ID	NQF LEVEL	CREDITS	DURATION	QUALITY PARTNER
120748	5	168	24 Months	MICT SETA

OVERVIEW

The Higher Occupational Certificate: Sound Operator prepares learners to set up and operate audio equipment to record, edit, mix, and amplify sound for live, recorded, and broadcast productions or events. It is designed for school leavers, qualifying learners with no prior work experience, and existing industry workers seeking career progression or freelance entrepreneurship across the film, television, and multimedia sectors.

WHAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DO

Demonstrate informed understanding of the key terms, concepts, facts, general principles, rules and theories of sound. Identify appropriate formats and protocols for the generation, distribution and transmission of analogue and digital sound signals. Assess sound quality using aural and measurement skills. Interpret sound requirements and demonstrate ability to select and apply standard methods, procedures or techniques to plan, set up, test and operate sound equipment, data storage, backup and transmission equipment. Identify and re-configure components to solve defined, routine and new problems within a familiar context. Apply general understanding of business principles to offer Sound Technician services commercially. Explain the associated legal implications of breaching intellectual property/ copyright laws. Demonstrate the ability to work effectively in a team or group, and to take responsibility for your own decisions and impact on others within well-defined contexts.

MODULES

Knowledge Modules (50 Credits) 352103-000-00-KM-01: Theory of Sound (NQF Level 5, 18 Credits) 352103-000-00-KM-02: Sound Equipment Principles (NQF Level 4, 8 Credits) 352103-000-00-KM-03: Characteristics of Audio Hardware and Software (NQF Level 5, 4 Credits) 352103-000-00-KM-04: Electronic Maintenance Theory (NQF Level 5, 12 Credits) 352103-000-00-KM-05: Basic Principles of Business Management (NQF Level 5, 8 Credits)

Practical Skill Modules (78 Credits) 352103-000-00-PM-01: Apply Theory of Sound (NQF Level 5, 34 Credits) 352103-000-00-PM-02: Apply Understanding of Features and Functions of The Sound Equipment (NQF Level 4, 4 Credits) 352103-000-00-PM-03: Operate Prepared Audio Equipment for Production (NQF Level 5, 20 Credits) 352103-000-00-PM-04: Maintain Sound Equipment (NQF Level 5, 8 Credits) 352103-000-00-PM-05: Apply Effective Business Management Skills (NQF Level 5, 12 Credits)

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Work Experience Modules (40 Credits — Select Elective A or B) Elective A — 352103-000-00-WM-01: Live events (NQF Level 5, 40 Credits) Elective B — 352103-000-00-WM-02: Recorded events (NQF Level 5, 40 Credits)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Sound Operator Sound Assistant Junior Sound Technician Sound Technician Freelance Audio / Sound Contractor

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Any NQF Level 4 qualification.

ASSESSMENT

The qualification requires both internal and external assessments:

Integrated Formative Assessment: Conducted internally by the Skills Development Provider using curriculum-stipulated criteria and weightings, which alongside workplace experience qualifies learners for external assessment.

External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA): Conducted by the QCTO Assessment Quality Partner (MICT SETA) at approved assessment sites through a technology-enhanced theoretical assessment, a project assessment, and an evaluation of practical tasks.

ACCREDITATION

Type	Accreditation number	Valid until
QCTO SDP	01-QCTO/SDP180326105000	12 Mar 2031
QCTO SDP	07-QCTO/SDP050326225916	26 Feb 2031
QCTO SDP	07-QCTO/SDP050326230308	26 Feb 2031
QCTO SDP	07-QCTO/SDP180326112952	12 Mar 2031

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