

SKILLS PROGRAMME DOCUMENT							
Skills Programme Title		Handicraft Knitter					
NQF Level	1	Credits	47	Duration in days	59 Days		
Skills Programme ID Number		SP-210407					
Skills Programme Status	Approved			Start Date	End Date		
				16/04/2021	16/04/2026		
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SKILLS PROGRAMME DETAILS

Title	Handicraft Knitter
Sub Title	Textiles – Handicraft Knitter
NQF Level	1
Credits	47
Duration	59 days
Quality Assuring Body	Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO)
Skills Rationale	<p>The Handicraft Knitter has been identified to address the training needs of the unemployed and vulnerable groups, non-levy paying cooperatives, NGOs and community structures through strategic partnerships and innovation in project delivery. Learners will be sourced from the above-mentioned groups.</p> <p>The clothing, textile, footwear and leather handicraft environment in South Africa is characterised by persons who have few opportunities to enter into formal learning and an associated career path due to poor educational standards and marketable skills. Therefore, this skills program promotes careers for persons with an interest in handmade knitted products and provides an opportunity to achieve a recognised skills program that will enhance employment opportunities available for SMMEs. This skills program also supports national initiatives to promote cooperatives and small business development and opportunities in handmade knitted products in all towns, cities, tourist venues and export opportunities. Currently, there are no registered handicraft skills programs hence this skills program was identified and developed.</p> <p>This skills program is targeted at unemployed groups, equipping them with the minimum basic skills to earn an income and secure a livelihood through making handcrafted knitted products. These basic and minimum skills and craft, therefore the skills program, can be achieved within 470 hours as this skills program focuses on the creative craft skills. This will enable learners to earn a livelihood as self-employed or to be absorbed in handicraft hubs that will provide support with design and sourcing markets in the shortest possible time.</p> <p>It will also contribute significantly to the building of small businesses and cooperatives, rural development and, most importantly, job creation. The final knitted garments, household articles and</p>

	<p>accessories could also serve to boost exports as part of the Arts and Craft trade. During the skills program development process, the South African Apparel Association, the Christel Armstrong Knitting Guild and the Pretoria Weavers' Guild SA were consulted.</p> <p>Qualifying learners will have acquired a range of competencies to understand and interpret knitting patterns and will be able to use hand knitting techniques to knit a range of garments, household articles and accessories. Learners will be able to assemble, finish and decorate knitted garments, household articles and accessories and prepare it for selling. They will be able to apply basic costing and selling skills in order to establish the economic viability of the hand knitted article and sell to customers whereby earning an income.</p>	
Related registered skills programme/s	National Certificate: Craft Production, NQF Level 2,	
Purpose	<p>The purpose of this skills program is to prepare a learner to operate as a Handicraft Knitter.</p> <p>A Handicraft Knitter knits and assembles garments, household articles or accessories by hand selecting and using yarns according to the nature and purpose of the final article. A Handicraft Knitter produces appealing and quality hand knitted articles.</p> <p>A qualified learner will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpret knitting patterns (or diagrams) and select yarns accordingly taking end-use into consideration; • Knit components for garments, household articles or accessories using hand-knitting techniques; • Assemble, finish and decorate knitted garments, household articles or accessories. 	
Content	<p><u>Knowledge Modules</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hand Knitted Articles and Yarns 2. Hand Knitting Techniques and Equipment 3. Finishing Techniques and Equipment 	<p><u>Practical Skills Modules</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select yarns and prepare for hand knitting 2. Knit garments, household articles or accessories using hand knitting techniques 3. Assemble, finish and decorate hand knitted garments,

	4. Personal and business finances, ethics and time management for the self-employed	household articles or accessories 4. Managing basic personal and self-employed business finances
Minimum entry requirements	Open entry subject to the ability to read and communicate	
Exit Level Outcomes	<p>Exit Level Outcome 1</p> <p>Prepare for hand knitting activities</p> <p>Exit Level Outcome 2</p> <p>Knit swatches using a range of knitting stitches</p> <p>Exit Level Outcome 3</p> <p>Knit garment, household article or accessories using various stitches, colour and texture creatively</p> <p>Exit Level Outcome 4</p> <p>Assemble, finish and decorate the knitted article to enhance appearance</p>	
Assessment	<p>a) <u>Continuous Assessment</u></p> <p>This type of assessment requires a practical demonstration by the learner to assess applied competence and successful completion of learning in the skills programme.</p> <p>It includes both work integrated learning assessment and summative assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pattern terminology is interpreted • Body measurements are correctly taken and applied • Winding of yarn technique is correctly applied • Yarn and tools are selected according to the knitting specification • Gauge of different stitches are correctly knitted • Pattern is selected together with the correct yarn and tools • Correct needles and size are selected to construct the pattern • Count and cast stitches on the selected needles as specified in pattern 	

- Form rows of stitches according to the pattern specifications
- Knitting instructions are followed
- Ribbings are knitted in different patterns
- Stitches are Increased and decreased according to selected pattern
- Cross stitch technique is correctly applied
- Stitch pick-up are correctly applied
- Different knit stitches are correctly applied
- Multi coloured yarn knitting techniques are applied
- Neck lines, sleeves and collars are diagonally shaped
- Button hole technique are correctly applied
- Knitted pieces are finished off correctly
- Knitted pieces are correctly joined together
- Decoration of finished product is applied

Oral Assessment

Preparation, knitting, assemble and finishing activities, including the use of materials and tools are explained.

- Materials used for knitting a product are explained
- Tools used in knitting of products are identified
- Taking of measurements are explained
- Various types stitches used on patterns are identified
- Pattern terminology is explained
- The technique of increasing and decreasing of stitches are explained
- Technique used for picking up stitches is explained
- Circular knitting technique is explained
- Knitting of different ribbing is explained
- Multi-colour knitting is explained
- Shaping of necklines, armholes and sleeves is explained
- Button hole technique is explained
- Casting-off technique is explained
- Joining technique of pieces of product is explained
- Finishing techniques of products are explained

b) Supervised Assessment

The following practical tasks are demonstrated for correct application:

- Prepare for hand knitting activities
- Knit swatches using a range of knitting stitches

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knit garment, household article or accessories using various stitches, colour and texture creatively • Assemble, finish and decorate the knitted article to enhance appearance <p><u>Written Test</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw up personal budget • Prepare a business plan • Costing of three different footwear products • Application of ethics in the work place • Management of time in the workplace
<p>Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learners will gain access to the skills programme through RPL for Access as provided for in the QCTO RPL Policy. RPL for access is conducted by an accredited institution, skills development provider or workplace accredited to offer that specific skills programme. • Learners who have already acquired competencies of modules of a skills programme will be exempted from modules through RPL. Such learners will be awarded credits towards the skills programme. • Learners who complete this skills programme will accumulate credits towards the relevant full or part qualification. The Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT) Policy shall apply to these learners
<p>Work Opportunities/further learning</p>	<p>Non-levy paying cooperatives, NGOs, community and religious structures through strategic partnerships and innovative project delivery.</p> <p>The skills programme also supports national initiatives to promote cooperatives and small business development and opportunities in handmade footwear products in all towns, cities, tourist venues and export opportunities.</p>
<p>Skills Development Provider Accreditation Requirements</p> <p>a)</p>	<p>a) <i>Human Resource Requirements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum ratio of lecturers to learners: 1:20 • Two years' experience in facilitating Handicraft Knitting. • Qualified assessors/examiners with NQF 4 Assessor unit standards qualification and an experienced Handicraft Knitting expert. <p>b) <i>Physical Resource Requirements</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A work site with tools, equipment, consumables, material, patterns and decorations. • Must issue each learner with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Materials (yarn 3 thicknesses) for articles specified in the practical skills modules ○ Minimum of 2 instructions per article specified in the practical skills modules ○ Tools and equipment (3 sizes Knitting needles, tapestry needles, ring markers, small scissors, stitch and row counter, stitch holder, gauge ruler and knitting needle measure). • Learning material including learner resource guide for knowledge and practical modules. • Accredited training facilities • Internet and email facilities • Training / facilitation resources • An approved learner induction programme <p>c) <i>Legal Requirements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid OHS clearance certificate issued by an accredited independent OHS practitioner or company. • A current and valid SARS Tax Clearance Certificate • Compliance with OHS Legislation and Regulations • Compliance with Skills Development Act and Regulations <p>d) <i>Safety Requirements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE Protective Clothing and Equipment • Compliance with risk adjustment policies including COVID-19 Protocols
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