

## South Africa

### Educational Timeline

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- School year: January-November/December; Graduation occurs in December
- Primary Education is six years, followed by three years of Junior Secondary Education, then three years of Senior Secondary Education or Vocational Secondary Education

### Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

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Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

National Senior Certificate	(2008 and later)
Senior Certificate	(2011 and earlier)
Senior Certificate with Matriculation Exemption	(2011 and earlier)
National Certificate (Vocational) NQF Level 3	(2007 and later)
National Technical Certificate N3	(2009 and earlier)

Accelerated Christian Education College Entrance Certificate

- All documents must be Department of Education issued certificates, or Statements of Results/replacement certificates issued directly from UMALUSI, the Independent Examinations board (IEB), or a provincial Department of Education

### Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement

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Comparable to less than completion of U.S. high school

General Education and Training Certificate	
National Certificate (Vocational) NQF Level 1	(2007 and later)
National Certificate (Vocational) NQF Level 2	(2007 and later)
National Technical Certificate N1	(2009 and earlier)
National Technical Certificate N2	(2009 and earlier)

### GPA Calculation

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Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all exam grades listed on the National Senior Certificate (or other "Group A" document) to US equivalents and convert to quality points. Divide total quality points by the total number of exams on the certificate. Each subject is weighted equally.

## Grading Scale (may not be all inclusive):

Achievement Level	Description	Percentage	US Grade	Quality Points	
7	Outstanding Achievement	80-100	A	4	
6	Meritorious Achievement	70-79	B+	3	
5	Substantial Achievement	60-69	B	3	
4	Adequate Achievement	50-59	C	2	
3	Moderate Achievement	40-49	D	1	lowest passing grade
2	Elementary Achievement	30-39	F	0	
1	Not Achieved	0-29	F	0	

## Class Ranking

Class rank is evaluated based on a letter written and submitted by the headmaster or principal of the institution from which the student graduated. The letter must confirm both the student's final position in his/her secondary school class and the total number of students in the graduating class (e.g. the student is 41st in a total graduating class of 112 students). However, students completing tracked or separate degree programs (e.g. National Certificate (Vocational) NQF Level 3) must be ranked against all other students in a given class who completed the same degree program.

## Post-Secondary Education

Students will be charged terms of attendance and considered transfer students if they have enrolled as a regular student and attended one or more courses at any of the types of institutions listed below (may not be all inclusive) or any other institution that requires proof of high school graduation as a pre-requisite for admission (subject to review on a case-by-case basis).

University  
 Technikon  
 Institute of Technology  
 Institute of Higher Education

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