



ACADEMY OF
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ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRY ADMISSIONS POLICY



OVERVIEW

Purpose	This policy provides an overview of the information and rules relating to admissions to the Valenture Institute's Academy of Technology and Industry
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Definitions

Account Payer: the person responsible for meeting the terms and conditions for enrollment for a qualification offered through the Academy of Technology and Industry. For a learner who is under the age of 18 at the point of registration, the Account Payer must be a parent or legally recognised guardian.

External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA): a comprehensive and integrated assessment designed to evaluate competence against the overall exit-level outcomes of the qualification, requiring a learner to draw on knowledge, practical skills, and workplace experience simultaneously. The EISA is administered by the Quality Partner assigned to the qualification by the QCTO.

Occupational Qualification: a qualification accredited by the QCTO and registered on the Occupational Qualifications Sub-framework of the National Qualifications Framework.



Offer to Study: a formal response to an application for admission to a course offered by the Academy of Technology and Industry, admitting a learner to a specified course or courses, subject to the payment of course fees and any other stipulated conditions.

Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO): the statutory body responsible for qualifications registered on the Occupational Qualifications Sub-framework of the National Qualifications Framework.

Quality Partner: an organisation accredited by the QCTO to oversee the work of a Skills Development Practitioner and to serve as the Assessment Quality Partner for the administration of the External Integrated Summative Assessment.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL): the formal, rigorous, and evidence-based assessment of a learner's existing competence against the specific learning outcomes of the modules within a registered qualification.

Skills Development Provider: an organisation accredited by the QCTO to offer a defined set of courses that lead to the award of a QCTO-certified qualification.

1. Introduction

This policy sets out the process to be followed in applying for admission to study for an accredited Occupational Qualification at the Academy of Technology and Industry a division of the Valenture Institute, a Skills Development Provider accredited by the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Academy's Fees Handbook.

2. Mode and language of learning

The Academy of Technology and Industry is a division of the Valenture Institute (Pty) Ltd. Admission to study with the Academy is conditional on account payers agreeing to the terms and conditions set by the Valenture Institute (Pty) Ltd.



The Academy of Technology and Industry offers online learning. Learners will need to be computer literate and have access to a computer with reliable Internet connectivity that supports live conferencing tools. This is a prerequisite for admission.

The Academy of Technology and Industry is a single-medium division of the Valenture Institute, where the medium of instruction is English.

3. The admissions process

The Academy of Technology and Industry offers a range of programmes that lead to the award of Occupational Qualifications by the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO). Programmes are of varying length and are delivered on a cohort basis. Applicants are required to choose a programme for which they want to enrol and submit their admission applications by the stipulated deadline for the specific cohort of choice. Submission of an admission application and payment of the application fee does not guarantee a place. All applications received by the stipulated deadline will be considered and assessed in accordance with the following admissions criteria:

Applications for prospective learners who are under the age of 18 at the point of submission must be submitted by the account payer: a parent or guardian as defined in the Children's Act (Act 38 of 2005, as amended). Applicants who are 18 years or older at the point of submission must apply on their own behalf.

Applicants must have a South African identity document or passport and study permit in the case of foreign nationals. A certified copy of the identity document or passport must be submitted as part of the application process.



Applications must be accompanied by proof of payment of the non-refundable application fee.

Each QCTO-accredited qualification offered by the Academy of Technology and Industry has specified prerequisite qualifications which are a condition for admission. Information concerning these requirements is provided on the Academy of Technology and Industry's Web pages. Applicants must submit certified copies of their certificates as proof that they have attained the required level of competence prior to admission.

Once the application has been submitted, this will be reviewed in line with the admissions criteria in this policy, and a conditional Offer to Study confirming whether the application for admission has been successful or unsuccessful will be sent to the applicant once a decision has been taken.

If the Academy denies admission, the applicant may request reasons for such a decision. These reasons will be provided in writing by the Academy within a reasonable time after receiving the applicant's request.

All applications for admission to the Academy must be made online through the submission of the application form on the Academy's website. The Academy's prescribed online application form must be completed and agreed to by the applicant.

Once an applicant accepts an Offer to Study at the Academy of Technology and Industry they are bound by the Policies and Handbooks available on the website. These Policies form part of the contractual relationship between the Valenture Institute, account payers and learners. We encourage learners and account payers to first read and familiarise themselves with the content of the relevant policies before accepting an Offer of Study.



The Valenture Institute, as the QCTO accredited Skills Development Provider offering programmes as the Academy of Technology and Industry, reserves its rights to verify all information and any documentation supplied for admission and reserves its rights to take legal action against any individual who intentionally provides false information and/or documentation.

4. Recognition of Prior Learning

All accredited QCTO qualifications allow for the Recognition of Prior Learning, either for the purposes of admission, for candidates who do not have the stipulated pre-requisite qualifications for their chosen study, or for the purposes of credit, providing for the formal award of credits that will count towards the award of the qualification. Applicants who wish to apply for either form of RPL should follow the link provided on the Academy of Technology and Industry's Web pages.

5. Fees

Fees are set by Valenture Institute, and are subject to annual increases. Fees are exclusive of the cost of the External Integrated Summative Assessment undertaken by the assigned Quality Partner.

Where an application for admission to the Academy is successful and the Offer to Study is accepted, the account payer concerned has a contractual duty to pay the relevant course fees, unless they have been exempted from paying all or part of the fees payable.

A schedule of the fees payable to the Academy for the relevant period of admission will be provided by the Academy of Technology and Industry on behalf of the Valenture Institute.



It is every account payer's responsibility to ensure that fees are paid, and are up to date.