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List of Abbreviations

CLI:	Command-Line Interface
CRUD:	Create Read Delete
ICT:	Information CommunicationTechnology
IDE:	Integrated development environment
IT:	Information Technology
NISR:	National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda
NPM:	Node Package Manager
NST1:	National Strategic Transformation 1
RQF:	Rwanda Qualification Framework
RTB:	Rwanda TVET Board
SASS:	Syntactically awesome style sheets
SDG:	Sustainable Development Goals
SEO:	Search Engine Optimization
SVG:	Scalable Vector Graphics
TQUM:	TVET Quality Management
TVET:	Technical Education and Vocational Training
UI:	User Interface
UX:	User Experience

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FOREWORD

The global rapid changes in the labour market tends to call for appropriate training and skills development through outcome-based training approaches. Skills development and employment promotion are central to Rwanda's transformative Vision 2050, aiming to secure high standards of living for all Rwandans. In a bid to transform Rwanda into a knowledge based economy, the National Strategic Transformation 1 (NST1) calls socio-economic transformation through TVET skills development. The Rwanda TVET Board (RTB) was established to promote quality education in technical and vocation education and training from level one (1) to five (5) aimed at fast tracking socio-economic development of the country. Designing and distributing curricula, teaching materials, trainer's guides, methodologies and establish training methods for technical and vocation education and training from level one (1) to five (5); is among other RTB's responsibilities

The existing curricula were limited and narrowed in terms of acquired skills and knowledge and were not meeting the requirements of the current labour market at both national and regional level. In addition there were barriers in vertical mobility and pathways in TVET which resulted in negative TVET perception. Furthermore, there were barriers to admission of TVET graduates of certain programs into higher learning institutions.

The TVET modernization process has begun with a clear picture of the programs focusing on sector with the high employment potential like Software Development among others. In this respect, Rwanda TVET Board, is honoured to avail the curriculum of Software Development which serves as the official document and respond to the above mentioned concerns.

With the help of the training providers, trainers, parents whose role is central to the success of this curriculum, the trainees will gain appropriate hand on skills which will make a difference not only to their own lives but also to the success of Rwanda's economy.

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1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The curriculum presents a coherent and significant set of competencies to acquire in order to perform the occupations of Frontend Web Developer, Web Analyst, UI/UX Designer, UX Researcher and UX Writer. It is designed with an approach that takes into account the training needs, the work situation, as well as the goals and the means to implement training.

The modules of the curriculum include a description of the expected results at the end of training. They have a direct influence on the choice of the theoretical and practical learning activities. The competencies are the targets of training and the acquisition of each is required for certification.

The curriculum is the reference to carry out the assessment of learning. Assessment tools of learning are developed on the basis of this document.

The curriculum consists of three parts. The first part is of general interest and shows the nature and goals of a program and the key concepts and definitions used in the document. The second part presents the qualification, its level in the qualification framework, its purpose, its rationale and the list of modules it comprises. The third part deals with the training package. It includes the competencies chart, the sequencing of module learning, the description of each module and the course structure.

The pages describing the modules are the heart of a curriculum. They present the title of the module, the length of training, the amount of credits, the context in which the competency is performed, the prerequisite competencies, the learning units and the performance criteria.

In each module, a course structure is provided. The course structure describes the learning outcomes (knowledge, skills and attitude) and the learning contents related to each learning unit. Also, the learning activities and resources for learning are suggested.

Finally, the assessment specifications and guidelines are included in each module.

2. QUALIFICATION DETAILS

2.1. Description

Title:	TVET Certificate III in Software Development
Level:	RQF Level 3
Credits:	120
Sector:	ICT and MULTIMEDIA
Sub-sector:	Software Development
Issue date:	June, 2022

2.2 Graduate profile

This qualification provides the skills, knowledge and attitudes for a learner to be competent in tasks and activities that require the application of practical skills in a defined context. Work would be undertaken in various Software Development field/industry including Frontend Web Development, Web Analysis, UI/UX Design, UX Research and UX Writing. Learners may work with some autonomy or in a team but usually under regular supervision.

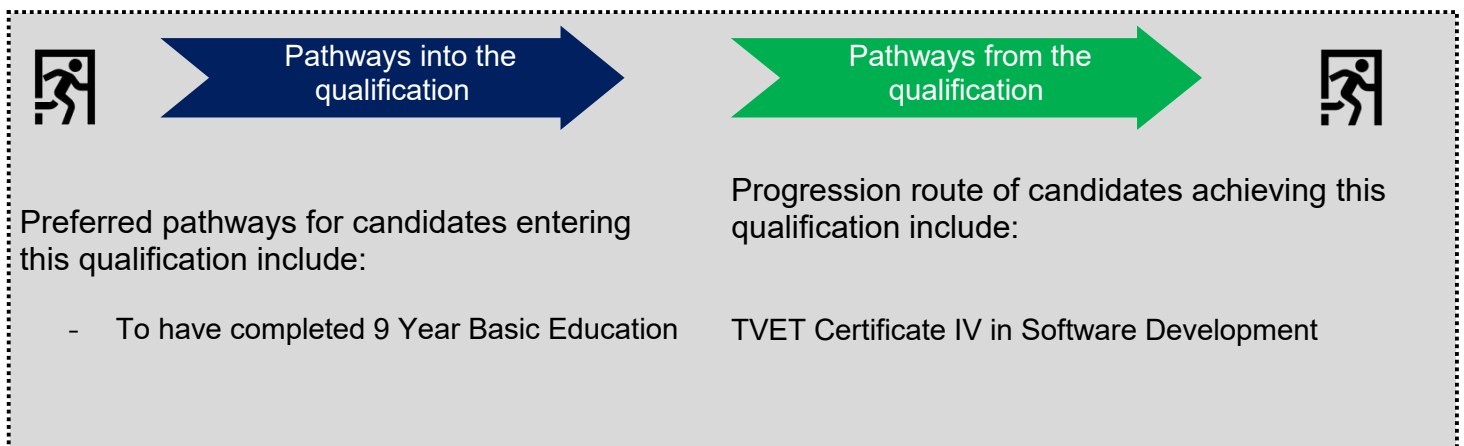
At the end of this qualification, qualified learners will be able to:

1. Apply basic graphics design
2. Develop website
3. Apply JavaScript
4. Conduct Version Control
5. Analyze project requirements
6. Design UI/UX
7. Develop game in Vue
8. Integrate at workplace
9. Describe occupation and learning process
10. Maintain SHE at workplace

11. Communicate simply using English in familiar situation
12. Apply computer literacy
13. Gukoresha Ikinyarwanda kiboneye
14. Apply general Physics
16. Apply citizenship
15. Apply fundamental Mathematics
16. Pratiquer les activités de communication en Français dans le metier
17. Create a business

2.3 Minimum entry requirements and pathways

The minimum entry requirement to this qualification is to have completed nine years basic education.



2.4 Rationale of the Qualification

A Frontend Developer contributes to Rwanda's digital transformation and Internet based services as stated in ICT Sector Strategic Plan (2018-2024), several achievements have been registered by the sector in areas related to ICT infrastructure, service development, business and investments, cyber security, global partnerships, among others.

Over the last decade and half, the Gross Domestic Product of the ICT sector in Rwanda has been growing at a median rate of 15.3% (NISR,2016). Internet **Penetration in** Rwanda is increasing steadily. For instance, internet penetration increased from 7% in 2011 to 39.76% mid 2017. While mobile increased from 639,673 to 9.7 million over the period 2010 -2017

In order to attain long term developmental goals of Rwanda and Africa, such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), Rwanda's Vision 2050 and African Union's common goals under the Agenda 2063, it is essential to maximize the power of ICT as a true enabler of socio-economic development.

The ICT sector remains one of the primary targets to boost country's economy, which will be achieved through:

- Positioning Rwanda as a world class and high end ICT hub
- Job creation that reduces the poverty
- Contribution to GDP growth
- Facilitation of cost-effective public and private services
- Impact of ICT-related capital investments on overall capital deepening
- Increase of labor productivity & significant contribution to value-added by ICT jobs
- Digital Literacy for all to promote integration of isolated communities into the national economy & Increase the access of larger markets coverage
- Developing the ICT industry and build the capacity of the private sector to provide high levels of service delivery.

2.5 Job related information

This qualification prepares individuals to integrate in all types of ICT companies from small to big, private to public that require ICT related services with the professionalization of Software Development and can even work for themselves.



Possible jobs related to this qualification:

- Frontend Web Developer
- UX Writer
- UI/UX Designer

2.6 Information about competencies

No	Code	Complementary competencies	Credit
1	CCMOL302	Describe occupation and learning process	3
2	CCMHE302	Maintain SHE at the workplace	3
3	CCMEN302	Communicate simply using English in familiar situation	3

4	CCMCL302	Apply computer literacy	3
5	CCMKN302	Gukoresha Ikinyarwanda kiboneye	3
6	CCMCZ301	Apply citizenship	3
7	CCMFT302	Pratiquer les activités de communication en Français dans le metier	3
8	CCMBC302	Create a business	3
9	CCMKK301	Kiswahili Wastani	3
Total			27

	No	Code	Core competencies	Credit
G E N E R A L	1.	GENGD301	Apply basic graphics design	8
	2	GENAM301	Apply Algebra and Trigonometry	6
	3	GENPY301	Apply general physics	4
S P E C I F I C	4	SWDWD301	Develop website	12
	5	SWDJF301	Apply JavaScript	10
	6	SWDVC301	Conduct Version Control	7
	7	SWDPR301	Analyse project requirements	5
	8	SWDUX301	Design UI/UX	10
	9	SWDVF301	Develop game in Vue	12
	10	CCMIA301	Integrate at workplace	20
Total				94

Number of competencies:19
 Core competencies:10
 Complementary competencies:9
 The total number of Credits: 121

N0	Module name	Learning Outcome	Theoretical hours	Practical hours	Total hours
1	Occupation and Learning Process	LO1: Participate in a team and respect the rules and regulations of training.	3	7	10
		LO 2: Explain the occupation and learning process	1	4	5
		LO3: Respect the facilitation and apply learning methods.	1	4	5
		LO4: Develop personal plans based on self assessment practices	3	7	10
Total hours			Total Hours	22	30
2	Safety, Health and Environment at Workplace	LO1: Maintain personal hygiene, health and safety	7	8	15
		LO2: Sustain a safe and healthy environment at workplace	3	4	7
		LO3: Ensure environmental sustainability	4	4	8
Total hours			Total Hours	16	30
3	Français	LO1: Lire un texte lié à son métier	2	6	8
		LO 2:Pratiquer l’expression orale	2	6	8
		LO 3: Accorder les verbes	2	12	14
Total hours			Total Hours	24	30
4	Entrepreneurship	LO1: Describe basic aspects of Entrepreneurship	5	5	10
		LO2: Assess Business Environment	2	3	5
		LO3: : Generate Business Idea	7	8	15
Total hours			14	16	30
5	Citizenship	LO1: Describe Rwanda colonization period	6	2	8

		LO2: : Describe the Independent Rwanda	7	3	10
		LO3: E Patriotism and Heroism in Rwanda	5	1	6
		LO4: Examine leadership and management	5	1	6
Total hours			Total Hours	7	30
6	English	LO 1: Narrate about familiar events and activities	1	6	7
		LO2: Write short compositions on familiar topics	2	6	8
		LO3: Read and interpreting messages from simple texts and social letter	1	6	7
		LO4: React to common trade-related oral English.	2	6	8
Total hours			Total Hours	24	30
7	Information and Communication Technology	LO1: Apply computer basics	3	7	10
		LO2: Use a current Word processing package	1	4	5
		LO3: Use current spreadsheet package	1	4	5
		LO4: Use current power point presentations	1	4	5
		LO5: Use Internet/Intranet (outlook)	1	4	5
Total hours			7	23	30
8	Ikinyarwanda	LO1: Gukoresha ubuvanganzo gakondo ashyikirana n’abandi	1	5	6
		LO 2: Gukoresha Ikinyarwanda kiboneye agaragaza itandukaniro ry’amazina bwite n’amazina rusange n’imiterere y’isanisha ryo mu bisekuru.	1	5	6

		LO3 :Kugaragaza amategeko y’igenamajwi mu izina mbonera.	1	5	6
		LO 4: Kugaragaza intêgo ya ntera n'amategeko y'igenamajwi.	1	5	6
		LO5: Gukoresha imyandikire ikwiye y’Ikinyarwanda.	1	5	6
Total hours			5	25	30
9	Kiswahili Wastani	LO1: Kutumia msamiati wa Kiswahili katika maandishi na mazungumzo kimsingi	2	8	10
		LO2: Kutumia aina za maneno ya lugha ya Kiswahili kimazungumzo na kimaandishi.	2	8	10
		LO3: : Kutumia nyakati za Kiswahili kimaandishi na kimazungumzo.	2	8	10
Total hours			6	24	30
10	Applied Mathematics	LO1: Solve algebraically or graphically linear and quadratic equations or inequalities	10	10	20
		LO2: Apply matrices in solving simultaneous linear equations	5	5	10
		LO3: Apply fundamentals of trigonometry	7	8	15
		LO4: Apply fundamentals of complex numbers	8	7	15
Total hours			30	30	60
11	Applied physics	Describe basic measurements in physics	4	4	8
		Describe Motion in 1-Dimension	2	3	5
		Analyse motion in two Dimensions	3	3	6

		Demonstrate electrostatic phenomena	4	4	8
		Apply Geometric optics	4	3	7
		Characterize sources of energy in the world	3	3	6
Total hours			20	20	40
12	Basic graphic design	Edit photos with Adobe Photoshop	8	17	25
		Manipulate graphics with adobe illustrator	12	28	40
		Export file	4	11	15
Total hours			24	56	80
13	Java script fundamentals	Apply javascript basic concepts	8	12	20
		Manupulate data with javascript	14	36	50
		Apply javascript in Project	8	22	30
Total hours			30	70	100
14	Website development	Apply keyboard skills	5	10	15
		Create Website	15	35	50
		Style Web Element	10	35	45
Total hours			30	70	100
15	Version control	Setup Repository	6	14	20
		Manupulate Files	6	14	20
		Ship Code	9	21	30
Total hours			21	49	70
16	UI/UX Design	Analyze user experience	4	6	10
		Define the user	12	28	40
		Design mockup	11	29	40

Total hours			27	63	90
17	Vue .js framework	Set up environment	6	14	20
		Apply Vue framework	10	20	30
		Plan game	7	18	25
		Develop game	13	32	45
Total hours			36	84	120
18	project requirements analysis	Identify customer needs	4	6	10
		Gather project requirements	5	15	20
		Determine user requirements	6	14	20
Total hours			15	35	50
19	Industrial attachment program (iap)	Apply for internship	10	0	10
		Demonstrate workplace behaviour and attitudes	10	0	10
		Analyze own professional gaps in line with industry demands	10	0	10
		Enhance acquired competencies at the workplace	0	170	170
Total hours			30	170	200
Total hours					1180

2.7 Allocation of Learning Hours

3. TRAINING PACKAGE

The training package includes the flowchart, the modules, the course structure, and the assessment guidelines.

3.1 Course structure

The course structure describes the learning outcomes for each learning unit. These learning outcomes are the essential skills and knowledge to be acquired. The contents to be covered for each learning outcome are prescriptive. The Learning Activities contain a series of suggestions, usually with several options, that will guide the learner and the trainer.

3.2. Flowchart

The flowchart of sequencing of learning is a schematic representation of the order of acquisition of the competencies. It provides an overall planning of the entire training programme and shows the relationship between the modules. This type of planning is to ensure consistency and progression of learning. For each module, the flowchart shows the learning that is already in place, the learning that is to take in parallel or later. The positions defined will have a decisive impact on all subsequent pedagogical choices. The flowchart of the sequence of learning of the modules of the training programme is presented on the following page.

FLOWCHART

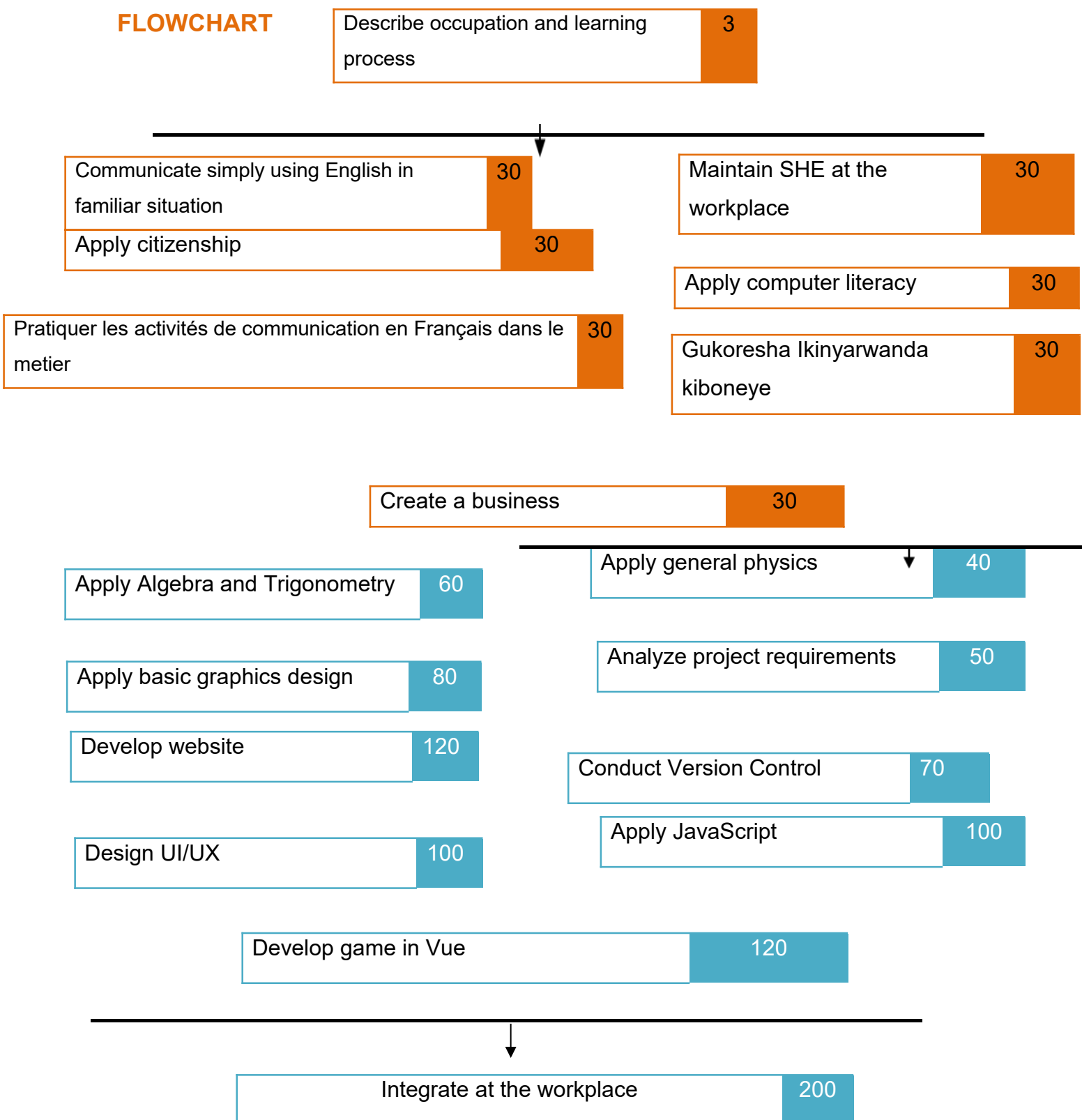


Figure 1: *Flowchart*

4. ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

4.1 Assessment Methodology

To assess knowledge, practical, and application skills through a jury system of continuous evaluation that encourages learners to display understanding of the principles in application to set practical tasks and their attendant theory to assess self-learning.

There are two types of assessment (Formative Assessment and Summative/Integrated Assessment). Each assessment has its own rule for passing to be declared competent.

Formative Assessment

This is applied on all types of modules (e.g. Complementary, General and Specific modules)

A trainee to be competent for a formative module must have at least 70%

A trainee to be eligible to undertake integrated assessment of specific modules must have at least 50% as passing line for general and complementary modules.

Each trainee should be competent on all formative assessments to be declared competent on that module

All formative assessment should be declared competent before taking the summative/integrated assessment

Summative Assessment

All Summative/Integrated assessment should match with the content of the module in the curriculum.

Summative/Integrated Assessment is always in practical, giving it as a theoretical type of assessment is not acceptable.

The integrated situation provided in the curriculum is a sample of the assessment to be carried out, the Trainer/Teacher has the role of developing another one referring to the task to be carried out in the integrated situation in accordance to the circumstances inside school, but the integrated situation should stick on the components of a task.

During Summative/Integrated assessment, assessor panel members should be three (3).

The trainee can be declared competent based on the assessment CRITERIA and its respective assessment indicators

The Passing Line for the modules is:

- 50 % for general and complementary modules
- 70 % for specific modules

Training delivery		100%	Assessment		Total 100%
Theoretical content		30%	Formative assessment	30%	50%
Practical work:		70%		70%	
Group project and presentation	20%				
Individual project /Work	50%				
		Summative Assessment			50%

1. Summative assessment is always conducted at the completion of module delivery. It should be practical through an integrated situation for specific modules and in any other forms of assessment for complementary and general modules.

2. Learning hours assigned to specific module includes the duration assigned to integrated assessment

Glossary

NodeJs: An open-source, cross-platform, back-end JavaScript runtime environment that runs on the V8 engine and executes JavaScript code outside a web browser, which was designed to build scalable network applications.

NPM: The package manager for the Node JavaScript platform. It puts modules in place so that node can find them, and manages dependency conflicts intelligently. It is extremely configurable to support a wide variety of use cases. Most commonly, it is used to publish, discover, install, and develop node programs.

Pinia: A lightweight state management library for Vue. js. It allows you to share a state across components/pages.

Redux: An open-source JavaScript library for managing and centralizing application state. It is most commonly used with libraries such as vue, React or Angular for building user interfaces.

User Journey: A path a user may take to reach their goal when using a particular website.

User Personas: A technique that supports designing and engineering interactive systems with focus on the end-users. The common understanding of the personas technique is that a persona is a description of a fictitious person based on data collected about the target user group.

User story: A tool in Agile software development used to capture a description of a software feature from a user's perspective. The user story describes the type of user, what they want and why. A user story helps to create a simplified description of a requirement.

Vue js: A JavaScript framework for building user interfaces. It builds on top of standard HTML, CSS and JavaScript, and provides a declarative and component-based programming model that helps you efficiently develop user interfaces, be it simple or complex.

Vuex: A state management pattern + library for Vue. js applications. It serves as a centralized store for all the components in an application, with rules ensuring that the state can only be mutated in a predictable fashion.