

# What Is SACAI & Who Registers With It

## 1. SACAI = Assessment Body

SACAI (South African Comprehensive Assessment Institute) is a *private assessment body* that is **accredited by Umalusi** to conduct NSC (matric) and ABET exams.

## 2. Who SACAI Registers

- **Independent schools** (Umalusi-accredited) offering NSC.
- **Distance Education Providers (DEPs)** (e.g. online schools or home education providers) for NSC.
- SACAI's role includes *external moderation* and quality assurance of assessment tasks, SBA etc.

## 3. Assessment vs Curriculum

- SACAI is not a curriculum developer; its main function is assessment.
  - It requires that a provider deliver the **full NSC curriculum** for Grades 10–12 (according to Umalusi's conditions) if they want to be an “institution” under SACAI.
  - There are strict standards: Umalusi monitors SBA, assessment integrity, exam venues etc.
4. If you only provide CAPS-aligned curriculum + term reports, and the PARENTS handle all the official registrations (Department of Education for home education + NSC exams), then NO — you do *not* need SACAI registration.

# 1. We Are A CAPS Curriculum Provider = Not an Assessment Body

We're only giving:

- CAPS lesson plans
- Learning material
- End-of-term reports (Our own internal assessments)

...and we **do NOT**:

- register learners for NSC
  - manage SBA for Grade 10–12
  - send marks to an assessment body
  - host official exams (NSC exams)
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## ✓ 2. Parents Register as Home Educators

For Grade R–9:

- Parents register their child with the **Provincial Department of Education** for home education.
- We simply support them with the curriculum.
- No SACAI or Umalusi is involved.

For Grades 10–12 if staying in home education:

- Parents can still keep their child on the home education path.
  - We still provide the curriculum.
  - No SACAI required from our side.
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## ✓ 3. Matric Year: Child Registers Directly With DOE (NSC Exams)

If the learner writes:

- **Department of Basic Education NSC exams** and NOT through SACAI or IEB,

then we **do not** need to be registered with SACAI because the **parent**, is the official candidate.

**We're just the learning support.**

### About Us

“We provide high-quality CAPS-aligned curriculum and support for home education families. Our role is to supply learning material, guidance, and optional term progress reports to assist parents in monitoring their child’s development.”

### Important Notes (Legally Clean)

- “We are **not a school** and we do not register learners with the Department of Education. Parents remain the responsible educators and handle all official registrations as required by law.”
- “We do **not** offer the NSC through SACAI or any other assessment body. Learners who wish to obtain a National Senior Certificate will register **directly with the Department of Basic Education** as part-time candidates in Grade 12.”

- “Our term progress reports are issued purely for **parental feedback** and are **not official promotional certificates**.”
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## 4. FAQ Of Parents

### **Do I need to register my child with the Department of Education?**

Yes. Parents are legally required to register their child as a home learner with their Provincial Department of Education.

### **Is this a school?**

No. We are a curriculum support provider. Parents take full responsibility for their child’s education and official registrations.

### **Can my child write matric?**

Yes. Learners can register directly with the Department of Basic Education as **part-time NSC candidates** in Grade 12.

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## STEPS TO FOLLOW IN MATRIC AS A HOME-ED STUDENT

### (Registering Directly With DBE)

#### 1. Make Sure the Learner Qualifies as a Part-Time Candidate

To write NSC exams as a home-schooler (part-time candidate), the learner must have:

- A valid ID or passport
- Completed Grade 10 & 11 work (doesn’t need to be from a school)
- Covered ALL CAPS Grade 12 content (we provide that)

No SACAI. No IEB. **Just DBE.**

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## 2. Go to the DBE Website

You'll register on the official Department of Education exam portal.

You use **THIS** link:

🔗 <https://www.eservices.gov.za/> (DBE exam registration is inside this portal)

The DBE uses the e-Services platform for exam and assessment registrations.

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## 3. Create an Account on the e-Services Portal

The learner (or parent on behalf of the learner) must:

- Create an account
- Verify email & phone number
- Log in to the dashboard

Keep these login details because you'll use them all year.

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## 4. Select “National Senior Certificate – Part-Time Candidate Registration”

Inside the portal:

- Go to **Education Services**
- Select **National Senior Certificate (NSC)**
- Choose **Part-Time Candidate Registration**

This is the category for *home-schoolers and adult learners*.

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## 5. Upload the Required Documents

You'll need to upload clear scans of the following:

### Mandatory Documents

- ID / Passport

- Latest report or portfolio evidence (our curriculum reports are perfectly acceptable for home education)
- Proof of residential address

### **Optional / Sometimes Requested**

- Affidavit (confirming the candidate is not enrolled at a public or private school)
  - If repeating: previous exam results
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## **6. Choose Your Subjects**

The DBE requires:

### **Compulsory**

- Home Language
- First Additional Language
- Mathematics OR Mathematical Literacy
- Life Orientation is **NOT** required for part-time candidates

### **Plus any 3 elective subjects**

(CAPS-approved list only — you must follow Grade 10–12 subjects that DBE examines.)

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## **7. Submit Registration & Keep the Confirmation**

Once submitted:

- You'll receive a **confirmation letter / proof of registration**
  - Save it! This is needed for exam entry later in the year.
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## **8. Wait for Exam Centre Allocation**

DBE will place the learner at an **official exam centre**:

- A high school OR
- A community exam centre

They will email/SMS the venue and timetable closer to the exam period.

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## 9. Prepare SBA Requirements (IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION)

For **part-time candidates**, the DBE does **not** require SBA (School-Based Assessment) for most subjects — except for:

- Languages (oral)
- Life Sciences (practicals)
- Physical Sciences (practicals)
- Agricultural Sciences
- Some vocational subjects

If the child takes one of these, DBE will assign how the assessment is submitted.

Otherwise, **exams = 100% final result**.

Your term reports are only for learning support — not submitted to the DBE.

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## 10. Write the Preliminary Exams (Optional but Recommended)

Some districts allow part-time candidates to sit for “prelims”.  
Not compulsory, but useful.

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## 11. Write the Final NSC Exams

The learner writes at the assigned exam centre.

- Must take ID + admission letter
  - Must show up for every paper
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## 12. Receive Results

Results are:

- Published online
- Sent via SMS
- Available through your exam centre

These results come **directly from the DBE**, not SACAI or any private provider.

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**✓ ☐ Done. The child now has a full NSC from the DBE.**

No SACAI.

No IEB.

No private school.

Just straight DBE matric through the Department of Education.

**Completely legal and widely accepted.**