

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 / SC exams
 - manage SBA for Grade 10–12
 - send marks to an assessment body
 - host official exams (NSC exams / SC)
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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.

Senior Certificate

Senior Certificate (SC)

The last Senior Certificate examination based on the policy document, *A Resume of instructional programmes in schools (Report 550)*, which allowed learners with incomplete Senior Certificate credits, as well as adult learners of 21 years and older, was conducted in June 2014.

However, based on the need for a qualification for adults that is equivalent to the current National Senior Certificate (NSC), the Minister of Basic Education has approved the revision of the current Senior Certificate qualification such that it can be offered by learners who will have no alternative route to follow post June 2014. The Senior Certificate, retains its qualification structure but will utilise the National Curriculum Statement (NCS) subjects to support the qualification. This implies that the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) subjects will be offered as part of the Senior Certificate. The first examination based on the Senior Certificate (as amended) was written in May/June 2015. All Senior Certificate subjects that were passed prior to June 2015, at Higher Grade and Standard Grade levels, excluding Lower Grade conversions, will be recognized.

The Senior Certificate also allows candidates to obtain University endorsement. As in the case of the NSC exam, they can also qualify for admission to Bachelor, Diploma or Higher Certificate programmes at Higher Education institutions. See the Notice issued by the Minister of Higher Education and Training.

Admission to the Senior Certificate

The following learners will qualify for admission to the Senior Certificate:

- Adult learners who are 21 years and older who have:
 - a General Education and Training Certificate (GETC); or
 - a Grade 9 school report (or the old standard seven). stating that they have passed Grade 9 or Standard 7; or
 - a recognised equivalent qualification obtained at NQF Level which requires two official languages.
- Adult learners who are 21 years and older with an incomplete Senior Certificate qualification.

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- **Only in exceptional cases, out of school youth, who are 18-21 years old and who could not complete their school education due to circumstances beyond their control, as verified by the Head of Department in the Provincial Education Department.**
- Adult candidates who are 21 years and older with an incomplete NSC may choose to complete the NSC as part-time candidates, or convert to the Senior Certificate. Should the candidate choose to convert to the Senior Certificate, they may not revert to the NSC and attempt to complete the NSC qualification.
- Adult candidates who have already obtained a qualification but wish to improve their results/status.

Subjects to be offered

The subjects listed below which are part of the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement of the National Senior Certificate, will be offered as part of the amended Senior Certificate. The subjects will in essence be the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements of the National Senior Certificate, excluding the School-Based Assessment (SBA) component.

Each candidate must offer six subjects in order to qualify for the Senior Certificate (as amended). Adults who have approved Senior Certificate subject credits, but do not comply with the required six-subject package, must select the remaining required subjects from the following list of 34 adapted National Senior Certificate subjects:

Table A: Official languages at Home and First Additional level

| SUBJECT | NUMBER |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Afrikaans Home language | 13300019 |
| Afrikaans First Additional Language | 13310029 |
| English Home Language | 13300039 |
| English First Additional Language | 13310049 |
| IsiNdebele Home Language | 13300059 |
| IsiNdebele First Additional Language | 13310069 |
| IsiXhosa Home Language | 13300079 |
| IsiXhosa First Additional Language | 13310090 |
| IsiZulu Home Language | 13300099 |
| IsiZulu First Additional Language | 13310109 |
| Sepedi Home Language | 13300119 |
| Sepedi First Additional Language | 13310129 |
| Sesotho Home Language | 13300139 |
| Sesotho First Additional Language | 13310149 |
| Setswana Home Language | 13300159 |
| Setswana First Additional Language | 13310169 |
| SiSwati Home Language | 13300179 |
| SiSwati First Additional Language | 13310189 |
| Tshivenda Home Language | 13300199 |

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| Tshivenda First Additional Language | 13310209 |
| Xitsonga Home Language | 13300219 |
| Xitsonga First Additional Language | 13310229 |

Table B1: Agriculture

| SUBJECT | NUMBER |
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| Agricultural Sciences | 10320239 |

Table B2: Business, Commerce and Management Studies

| SUBJECT | NUMBER |
|------------------|---------------|
| Accounting | 12320249 |
| Business Studies | 12320259 |
| Economics | 12320269 |

Table B3: Human and Social Studies

| SUBJECT | NUMBER |
|------------------|---------------|
| Geography | 16320279 |
| History | 16320289 |
| Religion Studies | 16320299 |

Table B4: Physical, Mathematical, Computer and Life Sciences

| SUBJECT | NUMBER |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Computer Applications Technology | 19320309 |
| Information Technology | 19320319 |
| Life Sciences | 19320329 |
| Mathematical Literacy | 19320339 |
| Mathematics | 19320349 |
| Physical Sciences | 19320359 |

Examinations

The Senior Certificate examination is written in May/June of each year.

Candidates writing the Senior Certificate will be exempt from School Based Assessment (SBA), and this implies that the examination in the subject will constitute 100% of the final mark.

Examinations will be administered at designated examination centres determined by the Provincial Education Department. The examination may also be offered by the independent assessment bodies accredited by Umalusi.

Promotion requirements

A Senior Certificate will be achieved by an adult candidate who satisfies the following requirements in these examinations:

1. Pass three subjects at 40%, one of which must be an official language at Home Language level.
2. Pass two subjects at 30%, one of which must be an official language at First Additional or Home Language level.

3. Obtain a subminimum of 20% in the sixth subject.

2. Go to the DBE Website

Click on Curriculum

Click on Senior Certificate

Click on Register Today

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.

3. Inside the portal:

- Go to **Education Services**
- Select June Registration for Senior Certificate
- Choose **Part-Time Candidate Registration**

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

4. 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.

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.)

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.

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.

10. Write the Preliminary Exams (Optional but Recommended)

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

11. Write the Final SC 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.

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

No SACAI.

No IEB.

No private school.

Just straight DBE matric through the Department of Education.

Completely legal and widely accepted.