QUALIFICATION TITLE:	5. National Certificate in Business Analysis
NQF Level:	6
DURATION:	One year
PURPOSE:	Business analysis is a vital instrument within the business environment to ensure that information technology is able to provide effective solutions for business enterprises. The development of business analysts through a suite of qualifications will have a positive impact on the broader economy of South Africa. It will also assist with bringing South Africa in line with international trends and satisfy industry requirements.
	A business analyst works as a liaison amongst stakeholders in order to elicit, analyse, communicate, and validate requirements for changes to business processes, policies, and information systems. The business analyst understands business problems and opportunities in the context of the requirements and recommends solutions that enable the organisation to achieve its goals. Traditionally business analysts were drawn from senior information technology (IT) and businesspeople, whereas this qualification provides lower-level access for the development of such competencies. It has also been developed to enable learners to access higher education and provide flexible access to life-long learning.
	This qualification provides opportunities for people to engage in further learning towards a specialisation in business analysis or achieve competencies that are portable to other specialisations such as systems development or systems support. This will therefore enable business analysis competencies to be strengthened and enable individuals who are currently working in a business systems environment, to better contribute to the implementation of solutions that support the business requirements.
CAREER PATH:	Entry level Business Analyst positions in IT and Business and Financial Sector
Exit Level Outcome	On completion of this Qualification learners are able to: 1. Analyse a business scenario 2. Develop a business case 3. Compile user requirement specifications 4. Develop functional specifications 5. Monitor quality assurance activities throughout the life cycle of the project
Entry Requirements for the Programmes:	 Any related qualification at NQF level 5 Communication at NQF Level 5 Computer Literacy at NQF Level 5 Knowledge of Business analysis