

APPENDIX 4: Courses offered by private providers for the Umalusi-issued GETC

GETC courses offered by nine large ABET providers registered with the IEB

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<p>ONE</p> <p>Offers four learning areas: LLC, Maths, NS, and Integrated Social Studies (something which is more than HSS, comprising a course based on Political Science, Economics, History and Geography). There are learning programme documents.</p>	<p>Numbers: about 1000 per year, although many do not finish the programme</p> <p>Cost: R950 for the programme, regardless of the length of time that learners take to complete it.</p> <p>We do the Robin Hood thing and charge companies a little more, so that there is funding to support learners who cannot pay.</p> <p>If learners are doing matric, they can do one or two subjects; if learners are over 23 years of age, they need to register for a minimum of three subjects at one time.</p>
<p>TWO</p> <p>Curriculum documents have been developed for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication (English) and Mathematical Sciences documents for ABET Levels 1, 2, 3 • For ABET Level 4, full GETC, eight learning areas <p>Note: Sometimes learning programmes and LTSM are separate documents; sometimes they are not.</p>	<p>Numbers:</p> <p>Mother Tongue: 675;</p> <p>Communications in English ABET Levels 1 to 4: 8500;</p> <p>Maths ABET levels 1 to 4: 7800;</p> <p>Other (i.e. other core learning areas): 10</p> <p>(Note that a lot of the people who are doing Communications in English are the same people doing Maths. We have generally over the past 12 years or so consistently reached about 10 000 people per year)</p>

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	<p>Costs: Costs vary significantly but generally in a “normal” learning environment, with a group of about 15, cost would be about R2000.00, which includes payment of educator, supply of learner support materials, management and administration, monitoring and evaluation, formative and summative assessment (through IEB).</p>
<p>THREE Curricula are designed based on expressed need and perceived market need. There are only LTSM – Learners’ Books, Teacher’s Guides, Extension and Support sheets - there are no curriculum documents. The facilitator has an assessment pack with forms for all assessment, summative and that for the portfolio of evidence. All assessment is monitored: the forms just need to be filled in by the facilitator.</p>	<p>Numbers: about 200 000 (ABET learners work on the mines, for parastatals, big institutons like Telkom, etc)</p> <p>Cost: costs are per learning area, and vary depending on numbers of learners, whether there are internal or external facilitators, and whether clients pay a licence and maintenance fee to use the materials independently. Roughly R2000-R2500 per learner – R500 for LTSM; R1500-R2500 per learner for the facilitator. If the institution buys the licence and pays the maintenance fee – cost could fall to as little as R10 per learner. Prices are governed by the SETA: SETA asks for quotes, and then comes back with job offers with particular costs.</p>
<p>FOUR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are curricula for English and Maths. There are some Natural Science courses, but these unit standards are 	<p>Costs: The following are sold separately: Workbooks; Portfolios of Evidence –these are sold per “project” (group of adults coming for a particular</p>

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<p>vague, one can't work out what is meant, and everyone in industry wants something different. We have learning programmes based on the unit standards. We start off with a mind-map, and discuss this with learners/ companies, and design the curriculum around their needs. It works out to 250 pages per learning area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are some unit standards that stand on their own, eg boilermaking, eg welding. We also offer courses on those. <p>ABET learners can either do a full learning area, or specific unit standards, for a learnership - they can do modular units. There aren't really course outline documents.</p>	<p>module, etc). Normally we sell to customers, and not to other providers –but for some providers such as those offering engineering courses, we sell things like the communication courses, and then they design their own technical components. We customize costs.</p> <p>“In terms of cost, it really depends on the project and the customer, making it difficult to lay down any rules. Also, material developers often have their own costs. As a guideline, I would say that R4000 per 5 credit unit standard is between lower end and average for a workbook and its assessment – not necessarily including facilitator guide and marking memo”</p> <p>Numbers: About 4000 ABET learners pass through per year.</p>
<p>FIVE Provider is a one-man outfit offering English and Maths only, with a colleague offering the Maths (ABET Levels 1-4). Course overview documents are available.</p>	<p>Provider does training for company groups of 10-12 learners. Companies pay about R5000.00 per group. Provider registers 10-16 learners from these groups per year, to write the IEB exams; pass rate is 100%.</p>
<p>SEVEN Offer ABET GETC, all eight learning areas. For ABET Levels 1, 2, 3,</p>	<p>Numbers: On average, and this year alone, we have registered</p>

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<p>offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications (which incorporates Life Skills) • Numeracy (which incorporates Life Skills) • Separate short courses – one on HIV/AIDS; one on Financial Life Skills <p>For ABET Level 4, eight learning areas are offered through ASECA or eDegree.</p> <p>All materials are written to the unit standards. Materials not available at present.</p>	<p>approximately 5000 learners for Literacy and/or Numeracy courses.</p> <p>Costs: Our costs vary from R130-00 to R250-00 per hour and R1 800-00 to R2 400-00 per learner per learning area.</p>
<p>EIGHT</p> <p>Offer ABET GETC with the learning areas and levels: at Levels 1-4: Communication (in mother tongue at ABET Level 1, otherwise English) and Numeracy. At Levels 3-4: EMS; HSS; LO; Tourism; Technology; SMME; Arts and Culture; Natural Sciences. At Level 4: Agriculture. Also an ABET course on HIV/AIDS.</p> <p>Have approved LTSM for all these courses (approved by ETDP Seta and Umalusi). Will see if there are course outlines (course outlines not provided; LTSM provided)</p>	<p>Numbers: Approximately 1200 learners registered.</p> <p>Costs: Costs vary per programme; approximate costs: for Levels 1-2, R2800 for two learning areas; for Level 3, R3500 for six learning areas; for Level 4, R3500 for 8 learning areas.</p>
<p>NINE</p> <p>Offer ABET Levels 1, 2, 3 courses written against the unit standards. Offer all eight learning areas for ABET Level 4, as well as three life-skills courses, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time management • Problem-solving 	<p>Numbers: 1200-1300 per year.</p> <p>Cost: varies per ABET level.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-management <p>All of these courses are written against the unit standards and integrate different unit standards – for example self-management includes personal health, financial management, etc.</p> <p>Also buy material from other providers as long as it is unit standard-compliant.</p> <p>Give programme outlines to learners, will send Umalusi (not provided)</p>	
<p>TEN</p> <p>Offer GETC, all learning areas, as well as leadership courses, ancillary health care, and a coaching and mentoring course. Use unit standards and a national DoE document on all ABET learning areas (2006, not sure of the title). The document links ABET to the unit standards.</p> <p>We choose unit standards –there are no stipulations, for example, a number of core unit standards are provided, and as long as the credits add up to 120, you can choose any unit standards. We develop our own curriculum documents.</p>	<p>This year, about 180 learners, although some have dropped out. This is the first year the whole GETC is being offered – ABET Level 4 is split into two years, as learners can only come part-time. Next year will see the first Level 4 graduates.</p> <p>Cost varies – for Levels 1-3, R150-200 per hour, and the fundamentals need 280-300 hours. For Level 4, R1800-2000 per learning area.</p>