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Umalusi awards accreditation certificates to successful institutions

Umalusi held a successful Accreditation Forum and Certificate Award Ceremony on Wednesday, 6 March 2024 in Pretoria. The event was organised to award accreditation certificates to 54 institutions (50 Independent Schools and 4 Private Colleges) that met Umalusi's accreditation criteria to offer qualifications that are registered on the General and Further Education and Training Qualifications Sub-framework (GFETQSF).

The ceremony was attended in a hybrid mode by approximately 700 delegates from the 50 Independent Schools, 4 Private Colleges and Umalusi officials. The breakdown of the 50 Independent Schools that were awarded accreditation certificates to offer the National Senior Certificate (NSC) is as follows:

- 10 are to offer Grades 1-7,
- 6 are to offer Grades 1-9,
- 22 are to offer Grades 1-12,
- 1 is to offer Grades 4-12,
- 9 are to offer Grades 8-12, and
- 2 are to offer Grades 10-12.

Concerning the 4 accredited private colleges,

- 1 is to offer NC(V) Levels 2-4 (Information Technology and Computer Sciences),
- 2 are to offer N1-N3 Engineering Studies, and
- 1 is to offer GETC: ABET at NQF Level 1.

In his congratulatory message, the CEO of Umalusi, Dr Mafu Rakometsi, said "I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to every institution represented here today for your commitment to excellence and your passion for quality education. May you continue to uphold the standards even after having been awarded your accreditation certificate."

Making reference to the question of what it means to teach, Professor Yunus Ballim, Umalusi Council Chairperson, challenged the participants to engage meaningfully with the question: "If information is so ubiquitously available to our students, what case do we make as teachers to expect the students to come to class every day?"

The full names, accreditation numbers, and addresses of the institutions accredited in 2024 are listed in the [Makoya](#) newsletter. A full list of all Umalusi-accredited institutions is accessible on the website [Accredited Private Education Institutions \(umalusi-online.org.za\)](https://umalusi-online.org.za). The public are urged to verify the accreditation status of institutions to avoid falling prey to bogus institutions.

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