

# 2026 Prospectus

Occupational Qualifications, Legacy Qualifications,  
Trade Test, ARPL and Skills programmes



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## Artisan Development Centre

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# INTRODUCTION

Better Best is a Private Skills Development Company that focus on Artisan Training, Construction, Agriculture, Short Skills Programs and Full Qualification Training. The focus of the training is to provide an opportunity to candidates to obtain a Skills that can provide employment.

Artisan Training is a 3 year program and includes Modular training and workplace monitoring and Logbook completion. This program allows the candidate to obtain a Trade test certificated through NAMB and QCTO. Better Best is an Accredited Skills Development Provider with QCTO allowing the institution to provide legitimate training

Better Best in turn can provide trade preparation and trade testing in the accredited programs.

Short Skills Programs timelines are between 30 and 90 days. These programs are unit Standards and modular based and accredited with the AGRISETA, MERSETA, CETA, NAMB and QCTO.

One year Qualifications programs are offered on Welding, Building and Civil as well as Agriculture interventions. These programs are offered on level 2-4 and are 12 months per level.



# SHORT SKILLS PROGRAMS



## NOTICE on Skills Programs:

All skills programs listed below are unit standard based and there for linked to legacy Qualifications No enrollments will be allowed after 24/06/2024

Better Best Short Skills programs focus on:

### A. Welding

Entry Level requirement: Literacy and Mathematical proficiency on NQF level 3

WELDING SKILLS PROGRAM AVAILABLE:

#### ASSISTANT ARC WELDER – SP 0425/10-17

US	US DISCRIPTION	CREDITS
13222	Deal with safety, health and environmental emergency in the workplace	4 Electives
119744	Select, use and care for engineering hand tools	8 Core
12219	Select, use and care for engineering power tools	6 Core
14713	Use welding definition and symbols	5 Core
243063	Weld carbon steel work-pieces using the shielded metal arc welding process in the down-hand position	15 Core
243066	Weld carbon steel using the gas metal arc welding process in the down-hand position	8 Core
243067	Cut materials using the oxy-fuel gas cutting process (manual cutting)	hki6 Core

# WELDING SKILLS PROGRAM AVAILABLE:

## BASIC SHIELD AND TUNGSEN ARC WELDER – SP 0672/12-17

US	US DISCRIPTION	CREDITS
243056	Weld carbon steel workplace using shielded metal arc welding process in all positions	16Electives
14713	Use welding definitions and symbols	5 Core
14722	Description the welding industries composition its requirements and communication techniques	5 Core
243068	Weld carbon steel work pieces using the gas tungsten arc welding process in the down hand position	15Core



## BASIC WELDING SKILLS AND GAS CUTTING – SP 0868/14-17

US	US DISCRIPTION	CREDITS
13222	Deal with safety, health and environment emergencies in the workplace	4 Core
14713	Use welding definitions and symbol	5 Core
243063	Weld carbon steel work-pieces using the shielded metal arc process in the down-hand position	15Core
243066	Weld carbon steel workplace-pieces using the gas metal arc welding process in the down-hand position	8 Core
243067	Cut material using the oxy-fuel gas cutting process (manual cutting)	6 Core
243068	Weld carbon steel work pieces using the gas tungsten arc welding process in the down hand position	15Core
243069	Braze metals using the oxy-fuel brazing process	6 Core
243072	Weld workplace using the oxy-acetylene gas welding process in the down hand position	10Core

### BASIC SHIELDED METAL ARC WELDING IN ALL POSITION USING– SP 0865/13/17

US	USDISCRIPTION	CREDITS
243061	Assemble work pieces in jigs (minor amendments include the use of manipulation)	3 Electives
243055	Prepare and secure work pieces for welding (include the use of manipulation)	8 Core
24056	Weld carbon steel workplaces using the shielded metal arc welding process in all positions	16Core

### FORMING AND SHAPING OF METAL PLATE SP 0937/15-17

US	USDISCRIPTION	CREDITS
12240	Form and shape sheet metal using hand or power operated machines	8 Electives
243075	Draw and interpret simple plate, pipe and structural steel drawings	6 Electives
14683	Apply work site practices	5 Core
14712	Identify and select material to specification	5 Core

### BRAZING AND SPOT WELDING SKILLS – SP 0936/15-17

US	USDISCRIPTION	CREDITS
14701	Join sheet metal with resistance arc welding process	4 Electives
243075	Draw and interpret simple plate, pipe and structural steel plate and structural steel drawings	6 Electives
14712	Identify and select material to specification	5 Core
243069	Braze metals using the oxy–fuel brazing process	6 Core

### GAS METAL ARC WELDING OPERATOR SP0843/13-17

US	USDISCRIPTION	CREDITS
14712	Identify and select material to specification	5 Core
14713	Use welding definitions and symbols	5 Core
14722	Describe the welding’s composition its productivity requirements and communication techniques	5 Core
243066	Weld carbon steel work pieces using the metal welding process in the down–hand position	8 Core



### GAS TUNGSTEN AND METAL ARC WELDING SKILLS SP0858/13-17

US	USDISCRIPTION	CREDITS
243085	Weld carbon steel work piece using the shielded arc gas tungsten arc combination welding process, in all positions	8 Electives
243083	Weld carbon steel pipe with combination welding processes using the gas tungsten arc welding and gas metal arc welding, in all positions	8 Electives
243054	Weld carbon steel pipe, using the gas tungsten arc welding process in all positions	20 Core

### SHIELDED MEATL ARC (ARC WELDING) SP0691/12-17

US	USDISCRIPTION	CREDITS
243050	Weld pipe within the stainless steel material group, using the gas tungsten arc welding process in all positions	20 Electives
243056	Weld steel work pieces using the shielded metal arc welding process in all positions	16Electives
243063	Weld steel work pieces using the shielded metal arc welding process in the down-hand positions	15Electives
243085	Weld steel work pieces using the shielded arc and gas tungsten arc combination welding process in all positions	8 Electives

### WELDING WORKSHOP ASSISTANT SP0854/13-17

US	USDISCRIPTION	CREDITS
243063	Weld carbon steel work-pieces using the shielded metal arc welding process in the down-hand position	15Core
243067	Cut material using the oxy-fuel gas cutting process (manual cutting)	5 Core
243068	Weld carbon steel workpieces using the gas tungsten arc welding process in the downhand position	15Core
243069	Braze metal using the oxy-fuel brazing process down	6 Core
243072	Weld workpieces using the oxy-acetylene gas welding process in the downhand position	10Core

### WELDING MACHINE OPERATOR SP0864/13-17

US	USDISCRIPTION	CREDITS
12476	Select, use and care for engineering measuring equipment	4 Electives
13222	Deal with safety, health and environment metal in the workplace	4 Electives
119744	Select, use and care for engineering hand tools	8 Core
12219	Select, use and care for engineering power tools	6 Core
12240	Form and shape sheetmetal using hand or power operated machines	8 Core
14713	Use welding definition and symbols	5 Core
243063	Weld carbon steel work-pieces using the shielded metal arc welding process in the down-hand position	15Core
243067	Cut material using the oxy-fuel gas process(manual cutting)	6 Core
243069	Braze metals using the oxy-fuel brazing process	6 Core

### Coded Welder SP 210402

Modular Based Training

96 CREDITS

### Metal Arc Welder SP 191209

Modular Based Training

40 CREDITS

### Plumbing Hand SP-210403

Modular Based Training

49 CREDITS

### Hot and Cold-Water System Installer SP-211004

Modular Based Training

93 CREDITS



## Additional Requirements:

- *Note that all written assessments requires an 80 % pass mark. Second attempts will be charge additionally.*
- *Practical assessments need a competent feedback to the candidate*
- *Logbooks should be submitted in order to be found overall competent on all qualification or skills programs*



# FULL QUALIFICATION PROGRAMS

**NOTICE on Qualification:**  
**All legacy programs listed below will not be allowed to have an intake of candidates after 24/06/2026**

Better Best Qualification programs focus on

**A.** Welding Application Level 2 – 4

The following Welding Application program is available:

National Certificate: Welding Application and Practice: Manufacturing and Engineering LP 58534 Level 2

National Certificate: Welding Application and Practice: Manufacturing and Engineering LP 58535 Level 3

Further Education and Training Certificate: Welding Application and Practice: Manufacturing and Engineering LP 58536 Level 4

## Entry level Requirements

### Qualification National Certificate: Welding Application and Practice SAQA ID 57881

Learner path way 58534

Level 2

End date 2027-06-30

Entry level It is assumed that learners are already competent in:

Requirements Communication and Mathematical Literacy at NQF Level 1.

Recognition of prior learning:

This qualification can be obtained in part or wholly through the recognition of prior learning. The learner should be thoroughly briefed on the mechanism to be used and support and guidance should be provided. Care should be taken that the mechanism used provides the learner with an opportunity to demonstrate competence and is not so onerous as to prevent learners from taking up the RPL option towards gaining a Qualification.

- Exit level requirements
1. Use and apply mechanical and welding technology, techniques, processes and skills, as applied in the fabrication and welding industry, using appropriate tools and measuring equipment.
  2. Use and apply a variety of fillet welding, oxy-fuel cutting and oxy-fuel joining processes.
  3. Demonstrate knowledge of the welding industry and its productivity requirements, by applying appropriate work-procedures.
  4. Communicate effectively in order to achieve personal, business and organizational objectives.  
> Range: Reading and interpreting work instructions, documents and drawings; maintaining effective relationships; exploring options for further learning.

## Additional Requirements:

- *Note that all written assessments requires an 80 % pass mark.*
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- *Practical assessments need a competent feedback to the candidate*
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# FULL QUALIFICATION PROGRAMS

## Entry level Requirements

**Qualification** National Certificate: Welding Application and Practice Maintenance SAQA ID 57886

Learner path way 58535  
Level 3  
End date 2027-06-30

Entry level requirements It is assumed that learners are already competent in Communication and Mathematical Literacy at NQF Level 2.

Recognition of Prior Learning:  
This qualification may be obtained in part or wholly through the recognition of prior learning. The learner should be thoroughly briefed on the mechanism to be used and support and guidance should be provided. Care should be taken that the mechanism used provides the learner with an opportunity to demonstrate competence and is not so onerous as to prevent learners from taking up the RPL option towards gaining a Qualification.

Access to the Qualification:  
Access to this qualification is open. However, it is preferable that learners have completed the National Certificate: Welding Application and Practice: NQF Level 2.

Exit level requirements

1. Use and apply a variety of plate welding, cutting, and gouging processes according to performance standards.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of welding procedures and the quality of welded components.
3. Maintain organizational relationships through effective communication with clients, peers and members of supervisory/management levels.

Range: Maintaining effective relationships; verbal and written reporting; exploring options for further learning.

### Additional Requirements:

- Note that all written assessments requires an 80 % pass mark.
- Second attempts will be charge additionally.
- Practical assessments need a competent feedback to the candidate
- Logbooks should be submitted in order to be found overall competent on all qualification or skills programs

## Entry level Requirements



### Qualification

#### Further Education and Training Certificate: Welding Application and Practice SAQA ID 57887

8	58536
Level	4
End date	2027-06-30

### Entry level requirements

It is assumed that learners are already competent in Communication and Mathematical Literacy at NQF Level 3.

Recognition of Prior Learning:

This qualification can be obtained in part or wholly through the recognition of prior learning.

The learner should be thoroughly briefed on the mechanism to be used and support and guidance should be provided. Care should be taken that the mechanism used provides the learner with an opportunity to demonstrate competence and is not so onerous as to prevent learners from taking up the RPL option towards gaining a Qualification.

Access to the qualification:

Access to this qualification is open. However, it is preferable that learners have completed the National Certificate in Welding Application and Practice: NQF Level 3.

### Exit level requirements

1. Use and apply a variety of plate and pipe welding processes according to performance standards.
  2. Participate in self-directed activity, by complying with welding procedures and maintaining business objectives.
  3. Demonstrate leadership through effective interaction and communication with clients, peers and members of supervisory and management levels.
- > Range: Leadership (individual and team); problem solving; technical report writing; exploring options for further learning..

## Additional Requirements:

- *Note that all written assessments requires an 80 % pass mark.*
- *Second attempts will be charge additionally.*
- *Practical assessments need a competent feedback to the candidate*
- *Logbooks should be submitted in order to be found overall competent on all qualification or skills programs*

# IMPORTANT

The price structure does not include



- i. Personal protective clothing
- ii. Toolbox
- iii. Prospective Workplace

**On enrolment the candidate will receive and additional list of items required for the training program. This can be obtained from Better Best. Please request a quotation on additional items**

## LEGACY TRADES

**Better Best training programs focus on**

- A. Welding OFO Code 651202 (Legacy trade)  
Entry level requirements: Mathematics Grade 12
- B. Diesel OFO Code 653306 (Legacy trade)  
Entry level requirements Mathematics Grade 12  
Occupational Certificate: Diesel mechanic NQF level 4 OFO: 117237
  - The minimum entry requirements for the Occupational Certificate: Diesel Mechanic qualification is a NQF Level 1 qualification with a pass in Mathematics.
- C. Electrical OFO Code 671101(Legacy trade)  
Entry level requirements Mathematics Grade 12  
Occupational Certificate: Electrician NQF Level 4 OFO:91761
  - NQF Level 1 qualification with Mathematics and Science.

Apart from the entry level requirement listed the candidate should complete Nated 2 Trade theory at a relevant college. This can be done part time.

# Occupation Qualification

## IMPORTANT



**The price structure does not include**

- i. Personal protective clothing**
- ii. Toolbox**
- iii. Prospective Workplace**

**On enrolment the candidate will receive and additional list of items required for the training program.**

**If you require Better best to obtain these items make sure to request a formal quotation**

Transition from Legacy to QCTO-Aligned Qualifications. In line with national policy and the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) directive, all legacy trade qualifications were phased out and reached their end date in June 2024. Our institution has successfully transitioned to offering QCTO-accredited Occupational Qualifications that are outcomes-based, industry-aligned, and designed to meet the evolving needs of the South African economy. These qualifications ensure that learners are competent, employable, and fully prepared for trade testing and workplace integration..

Candidates will complete and External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA) at the end of the course. This is an external exam and provided by the QCTO quality assurance partners.

During the training, candidates will complete the relevant Modules in each of the listed qualification. The modules are separated into knowledge modules, practical modules and workplace experience modules.

With each knowledge module the candidate complete a final integrated summative assessment. Practical modules are signed of on assessment activities and finally a workplace module logbook will need to be provided by the candidates. All three components will lead to the issuing of and statement of result.

Candidates are registered with QCTO on there data base and all the evidence is submitted as per QCTO guidelines to qualify for the EISA.



## QCTO/NAMB Trade Test And Assessment Centre



Occupational Certificate Diesel Mechanic

97592

Trade

Occupational Certificate Motor Mechanic

97790

Trade

Occupational Certificate Welder

94100

Trade

Occupational Certificate Electrician

91761

Trade

Occupational Certificate Plumbing

91782

Trade



At Better Best the following trades can be addressed through ARPL.

- A) Diesel trade (duration 3 days)
  - B) Electrical trade (duration 3 days)
  - C) Welding trade (duration 3 days)
  - D) Motor mechanic (Duration 3 days)
  - E) Plumbing (Duration 3 Days)
- (The days indicated are only for the ARPL process)

The completion of the Toolkit

### Entry Level Requirements

Certified copies of ID  
 Certified copies of Qualifications  
 Workplace experience reference letters for 3 or more years  
 Older than 21 year

Trade	ARPL	NAMB approval	Trade Prep	Trade test
Electrical	3 Days	NAMB Timeline (±6 Weeks)	15 days	2 days
Diesel	3 Days	NAMB Timeline (±6 Weeks)	15 days	2 days
Welding	3 Days	NAMB Timeline (±6 Weeks)	15 days	2 days
Motor	3 Days	NAMB Timeline (±6 Weeks)	15 days	2 days

## TIME LINES FOR ARPL.

Time line indicated below is not fixed and is dependent on the approval processes after the ARPL session has been completed.

## PRICE STRUCTURE

For any information on pricing structure make sure to send an email to [info@betterbest.co.za](mailto:info@betterbest.co.za).

Please provide details as follows

Subject: trade or training enquiring about

Name and surname

Contact number



# ARPL Application Process

Time frames for SETA are unknown. Experience has indicated a 12 week period

**Time Frame**

- Time frames provided is per candidate
- More than one candidate per day can be accommodated

**Application Phase**  
Candidates to complete application form and submit required documents

**Documents required ( Interview with Administrator)**

- Certified copy of ID + CV
- Certificates
- Workplace exposure letter. (sample provided on request)

ARPL conducted over 3 days maximum  
Pre-assessment meeting  
Attendance register for each day of contact to be completed

**Activities**

1. Structures interview
2. Knowledge test
3. Practical assessment
4. Workplace checklist
5. Compile Portfolio
6. CV of candidate
7. Workplace letter
8. Ensure that all documents in the toolkit are signed off by the candidate, assessor and moderator

3 Days

3 Month Period

15 Days Period

2 Days Period

5 Days

Submit file to admin.  
Ensure that the feedback form is correct for submission with attachments

Admin upload request to relevant SETA

Approvals are done by the relevant SETA  
Serial numbers are issued by the SETA

ARPL process identify gaps  
Gaps to be addressed are communicated to the candidate.  
Gaps are covered by Candidate and provide evidence in the form of a logbook

Trade readiness are conducted

Trade test schedules are submitted to NAMB  
This process only starts once serial numbers have been recieved

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