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# Food and Beverage Packaging Operator

## Occupational Certificate

NQF 3

123 Credits

SAQA ID: [121148](#)

Accreditation: FoodBev SETA

The purpose of this qualification is to prepare learners to operate as Packaging Process Operators within the Food and Beverage industry. This role involves managing equipment across primary, secondary, and tertiary packaging operations, ensuring that food, beverage, and related products are packaged to meet quality standards through effective equipment adjustment, maintenance, and oversight.

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### Description

This qualification equips learners with the skills necessary to efficiently manage packaging operations. Learners will gain expertise in receiving and preparing input materials, operating packaging equipment, and ensuring that packaging processes meet organizational specifications and standards. The curriculum emphasizes current technologies and methodologies required for modern packaging processes, promoting professionalism and recognized competencies within the industry.

### Why this qualification?

This qualification addresses the industry's demand for skilled Packaging Process Operators, enhancing employability and career advancement. It ensures adherence to critical safety and quality standards within the regulated Food and Beverage sector. By providing formal, recognized training, the qualification improves productivity and opens pathways for advancement into higher roles, such as process controllers and production managers, while preparing learners for evolving technologies in packaging operations.



**Last date for enrolment:**

2029-11-14

**Mode:**

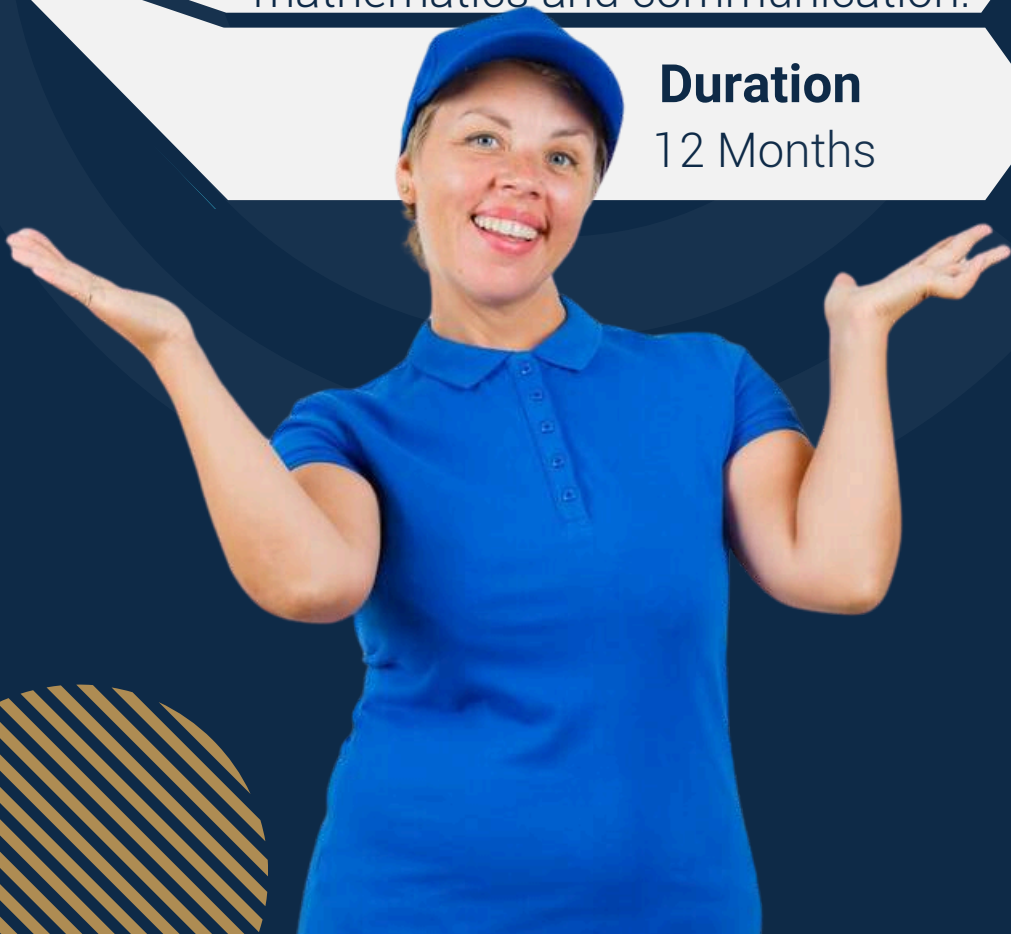
Blended Learning

**Entry Requirements:**

NQF Level 2 qualification with mathematics and communication.

**Duration**

12 Months



## Outline

This qualification includes the following compulsory modules, divided into Knowledge, Practical Skill, and Work Experience components:

### Knowledge Modules (38 Credits)

- Personal Mastery and Inter-personal Relationships (4 Credits)
- Business Studies for Machine Operators (4 Credits)
- Manufacturing Principles for Machine Operators in a Digitalized Environment (6 Credits)
- Quality, Food Safety, GMP and Food Contamination (8 Credits)
- Occupational Health and Safety in the Manufacturing Environment (2 Credits)
- Packaging Process, Containers and Materials (6 Credits)
- Primary Packaging Equipment Systems (4 Credits)
- Secondary and Tertiary Packaging Equipment Systems (4 Credits)

### Practical Skill Modules (47 Credits)

- Receive Input Materials for Food and Related Products Packaging (8 Credits)
- Prepare Equipment for Packaging (12 Credits)
- Package Food and Related Products (13 Credits)
- Control Packaging Equipment Operation (14 Credits)

### Work Experience Modules (36 Credits)

- Processes and Procedures to Receive Packaging Input Materials (8 Credits)
- Processes and Procedures to Prepare Raw Materials and Related Products for Packaging (10 Credits)
- Processes and Procedures to Package Food and Beverage Products (10 Credits)
- Processes and Procedures to Control Operation of Food and Beverage Packaging Equipment (10 Credits)