A GENERAL GUIDE TO HELP LEARNERS DECIDE WHETHER A SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROVIDER IS RIGHT FOR THEM.

TIPS FOR LEARNERS AND PARENTS

Step 1:
It is important to find out whether the Skills Development provider is accredited by either Quality Council for Trades and Occupation (QCTO), Council for Higher Education (CHE) to offer the specific qualifications. Some providers are historically accredited by the Services Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs), SETAs accreditations are still valid, although all new accreditations are solely being issued by QCTO or the CHE. The provider should have the accreditation Letter with an accreditation number that can be verified at QCTO, CHE or the SETAs.

Step 2:
The second step is to confirm that the Accredited Qualification is NQF registered with SAQA and the registration period is still valid. Employees are reluctant to hire people who have qualifications that are not accredited. All new Skills Programmes (short courses less than a year) are recorded with QCTO and their validity can be confirmed with QCTO. Enrolling to a qualification or a skills programme that is not registered/recorded with either SAQA or QCTO will result in your certificate being invalid. Furthermore, enrolling for a registered/recorded qualification or skills programme with a provider that is not accredited by either QCTO, CHE or SETAs (Historically) will result in your certificate being invalid.

Step 3:
Learners can contact the QCTO, CHE, SAQA or SETAs at their respective contact as follows:

QCTO Accredited Providers: https://www.qcto.org.za/accredited-skills-developent-providers
CHE Website: https://www.che.ac.za/#/main
SETA Contact Details: https://www.dhet.gov.za/SitePages/SETAlinks.aspx
SAQA Qualifications: https://regqs.saqa.org.za/