

Local Economic Development

1. Overview

This programme provides participants with a comprehensive understanding of Local Economic Development (LED), municipal planning processes, and the national programmes that influence service delivery and economic growth in South Africa. Participants will gain knowledge of the legislative framework governing LED, the role of municipalities in economic development, the principles of Integrated Development Planning (IDP), and the impact of national development initiatives on Local Government. The programme equips participants to contribute effectively to sustainable municipal planning, community development, and improved service delivery.

2. Programme Outcome:

- Explain the purpose and principles of Local Economic Development (LED) in South Africa
- Identify legislation and policies that influence Local Economic Development
- Describe the role of municipalities in promoting economic growth and sustainable development
- Analyse the current challenges affecting Local Economic Development
- Explain the planning functions of Local Government
- Describe the Integrated Development Planning (IDP) process and its importance
- Explain the relationship between LED and IDP
- Identify key national development programmes and government economic growth strategies
- Assess the impact of national programmes on Local Government planning and service delivery
- Apply knowledge of LED and municipal planning to support integrated community development initiatives

Qualification:

Certificate of Completion

Duration:

4-Months

Programme Type:

Category B – Workplace-Based Learning Programme

Programme ID:

PA0292

SAQA US:

110479, 244294, 244302, 119457

NQF Level:

4

Credits:

21

Entry Requirements:

NQF Level 3 qualification

Training Options:

Online - Each participant will receive access to an online portal, where all programme materials and resources are available. Training is delivered fully online, and participants will join scheduled Microsoft Teams sessions facilitated by a trainer. This mode provides flexibility and allows learners to participate from any location.

Blended - Blended learning combines both online and face-to-face training. Participants receive access to an online portal for online content, resources, and self-paced activities. They also attend scheduled in-person contact sessions with a facilitator, either at the client's premises or providers campus. This approach offers the flexibility of online learning with the added support of guided, interactive sessions.

Face-to-Face - Each participant will receive training resources, which contains all programme materials and resources. Training is delivered through onsite contact sessions, either at the client's premises or providers campus, where a facilitator conducts the sessions in a classroom environment.

Minimum Participants Required: (1) Online, (1) Blended & (1) Face-to-Face

3. Programme Content

- **(110479 US):** Outline the environment of local economic development in South Africa
- **(244294 US):** Demonstrate an understanding of national programmes and their impact on Local Government
- **(244302 US):** Demonstrate an understanding of the planning functions of Local Government
- **(110479 US):** Outline the environment of local economic development in South Africa

4. Topics

Module 1: Introduction to Local Economic Development (LED)

- Principles of Local Economic Development
- The objectives of LED
- The importance of LED in South Africa
- Economic growth and community development
- Sustainable local development

Module 2: Legislative and Policy Framework for LED

- Constitutional framework
- Municipal Systems Act
- Municipal Structures Act
- National Development Plan (NDP)
- White Papers influencing Local Government
- Policies supporting Local Economic Development

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Module 3: Municipalities and Local Economic Development

- The role of municipalities in economic development
- Municipal responsibilities
- Partnerships with business and communities
- Investment attraction
- Supporting local enterprises and job creation

Module 4: Challenges Facing Local Economic Development

- Unemployment and poverty
- Infrastructure constraints
- Skills shortages
- Economic inequality
- Environmental sustainability
- Strategies for overcoming development challenge

Module 5: National Development Programmes

- Government economic growth strategies
- National development initiatives
- Public sector development programmes
- Infrastructure development programmes
- Social and economic transformation initiatives
- Collaboration between national, provincial, and local government

Module 6: Impact of National Programmes on Local Government

- Service delivery improvement
- Municipal planning and implementation
- Funding and resource allocation
- Community development initiatives
- Monitoring programme outcomes
- Intergovernmental relations

Module 7: Municipal Planning Functions

- Overview of municipal planning
- Strategic planning processes
- Municipal planning responsibilities
- Community participation
- Performance planning
- Planning for sustainable development

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Module 8: Integrated Development Planning (IDP)

- Purpose of the Integrated Development Plan
- The IDP planning cycle
- Stakeholder participation
- Aligning municipal priorities
- Reviewing and monitoring IDPs
- Challenges in IDP implementation

Module 9: Integrating LED, IDP and National Programmes

- Linking LED strategies to IDP objectives
- Supporting economic growth through planning
- Coordinating development initiatives
- Measuring development outcomes
- Best practices in integrated municipal planning
- Continuous improvement for sustainable service delivery

5. Target Market

This programme is suitable for:

- Local Economic Development (LED) Practitioners
- Municipal Planning Officials
- Integrated Development Planning (IDP) Officers
- Community Development Practitioners
- Municipal Managers and Supervisors
- Public Sector Administrators
- Economic Development Officers
- Project Coordinators and Project Managers
- Government Officials involved in planning and service delivery
- Ward Committee Members
- Councillors
- Individuals seeking employment or career advancement within Local Government and the public sector.

6. Assessments

This programme includes a Portfolio of Evidence (POE) that must be submitted at the end of the programme. The POE include:

- **Knowledge Assessments:** To evaluate theoretical understanding
- **Practical Assignments:** Hands-on tasks related to course topics
- **Workplace Assignments and Logbook:** Application of skills in real-world settings

Successful participants will receive a certificate of completion.

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7. Workplace-Based Learning Programme

This WLP is a fusion of academic learning and practical work. The learning is directly applied to the workplace by using client-based mentors and extensive workplace-based portfolio work and assignments. Apart from the obvious benefits of a workplace directed qualification, each WLP qualifies for recognition as a Category B Skills Programme in the Learning Matrix of the Amended BEE codes, which allows for the salaries of participants to be recognized as part of the Skills Development Expenditure.

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