

AGRICULTURAL TRAINING INSTITUTES ADMISSION POLICY

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1. INTRODUCTION

Access concerns all institutional actions that affect the admission and successful throughput of the student. Successful throughput is the shared responsibility of both the Agricultural Training Institute as a whole and the student personally.

The fundamental value of the Agricultural Training Institute's admission policy is to ensure equal access to all prospective students from the relevant agro-ecological area or commodity groupings of South Africa.

The Agricultural Training Institute should commit itself to the admission of prospective students who have the potential to study successfully and to optimise the potential of students whose performance was handicapped because of insufficient preparation at school.

Entry into the instructional programs of the Agricultural Training Institute is subject to meeting the minimum entry requirements. Admission means the approval to report for registration as a student of the Institute, irrespective of a candidate being previously registered as a student at the Institute.

The ATI admission policy is based on the use of weighted results, with provision for recognition of prior learning (RPL) and adopted by the ATI Council.

2. ABBREVIATIONS

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| 2.1 | ATIs | Agricultural Training institutes |
| 2.2 | RPL | Recognition of Prior Learning |

3. APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

3.1 Procedures

- 3.1.1 Applications for admission to the Institute must be made on the prescribed application forms. The application form must be completed in detail and signed by the student and submitted to the ATI by the prescribed date.
- 3.1.2 Each application for admission must be accompanied by documentation as stipulated in the Regulations for Admission of the Institute.
- 3.1.3 Admission to the Institute of students with special learning needs (disabilities) is investigated in each specific case and tested against this policy and ability to meet the requirements and outcomes of the practical training program.

3.2 Admission requirements

- 3.2.1 The minimum requirement for admission to the Diploma in Agriculture is a National Senior Certificate (Grade 12) certified by UMALUSI and complying with the minimum statutory requirements for admission to Diploma study* or such qualification as the Institute may recognise as equivalent or prior learning as recognised by the Institute.
- 3.2.2 Based on the languages used as medium of instruction of the Institute, it is advisable that students should offer English and/or a second language that may be used as instruction language as a Home Language or as a First Additional Language, together with any other language of choice.
- 3.2.3 Life Orientation is not calculated in the admission points and also not a required subject, but may be considered in borderline cases.
- 3.2.4 Selection of candidates for the respective study programs may further be done in accordance with any other criteria and such procedures as the Institute may from time to time develop. Prospective students will be adequately informed in advance of such criteria and procedures.

- 3.2.5 Selection for the Further Education programs is based on the prescribed norms of the different qualifications and unit standards.
- 3.2.6 The Institute, as a result of specific capacity restrictions, reserves the right to select candidates for admission to the instructional program. This implies that prospective students that meet the minimum requirements for admission will not necessarily be admitted to the study program. As a result of the capacity restrictions and the over offer of students the students will be selected on basis of their scholastic performance.
- 3.2.7 The achievement of the minimum requirements does not necessarily guarantee admission to the instructional program.

** A National Senior Certificate, certified by UMALUSI, with an achievement of "3" (40-49%) in at least four recognised 20-credit subjects.*

3.3 Recognition of prior learning (RPL)

Previously obtained qualifications, training and experience will be considered for admission to certain programs. This part should be read together with the RPL policy of the Institute.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1 No prospective student may report for registration unless notified in writing in advance by the Principal that he/she has been accepted as a student. Registration takes place on the prescribed time as determined by the Institute. No candidate shall be allowed to report for registration after the last date and time laid down, unless written consent from the Principal has been obtained for late registration. On the day of registration the student must submit a written permission to report for registration and the appropriate recognised certificate. The final Grade 12 results remain the determining factor with regard to admission and registration.

4.2 In the case of a student who fails to submit documents and/or statements required on dates as prescribed, the Principal may:

- Cancel registration
- Refuse admission to examination to such student

3.3 On registration every student shall be supplied with a student card which will serve as evidence that he/she has been registered as a student.