

The Technical Occupational Curriculum (GCE: TOC)



What qualification is the GCE: TOC?

The **General Certificate of Education: Technical Occupational (GCE: TO)** is a **Level 1 qualification on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)** introduced by the **Department of Basic Education (DBE)** in collaboration with **Umalusi, QCTO, and DHET**.

It is a **4-year academic and practical vocational-based program** (following a 1-year orientation year) designed to prepare and equip learners for employment, entrepreneurship, or further vocational study.

Who is the TOC programme for?

The TOC is for learners who are **entering the senior phase of school (usually 14 years)** and who are not able to meet the requirements of the mainstream CAPS curriculum.

The TOC provides an alternative, inclusive pathway within the General Education and Training (GET) Band for pupils with practical, technical or vocational aptitudes.

What qualification is the TOC?

NQF 1 – equivalent to a Grade 9

At Orion College we offer the following vocational subjects:

Arts and Crafts, Hospitality Studies and Office Administration.

TOC Orientation (Primary School)

English HL, Afrikaans (FAL), Maths, Personal & Social Wellbeing, Physical Education

Vocational subjects: Arts and Crafts and Hospitality

Year 1 General Education subjects (High School):

English HL, Afrikaans (FAL), Maths, Personal & Social Wellbeing, Physical Education

Vocational subjects: Arts and Crafts and Hospitality

Year 2 and Year 3 General Education subjects (High School):

English HL, Afrikaans (FAL), Maths, Personal & Social Wellbeing, Physical Education, Natural Science

Vocational subjects: Office Administration and Hospitality

Year 4 General Education subjects (High School):

English HL, Afrikaans (FAL), Maths, Personal & Social Wellbeing, Physical Education, Natural Science

Vocational subject: Hospitality



Our **Year 4** learners will also be given **work shadowing opportunities** to help them prepare for life beyond school.

More about our Year 2 – 4 Electives

HOSPITALITY STUDIES

Hospitality Studies covers basic cooking and baking as well as kitchen hygiene and safety. Learners are also taught about costing, packaging, marketing and selling of food and beverage items, alongside customer services within the hospitality industry.

*Our Hospitality Studies learners will also be given the opportunity to shadow a **Barista** and watch how to make a variety of hot beverages. Learners who show an aptitude and interest to become a Barista may wish to undertake formal Barista Training in their private time – at their own cost.*

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

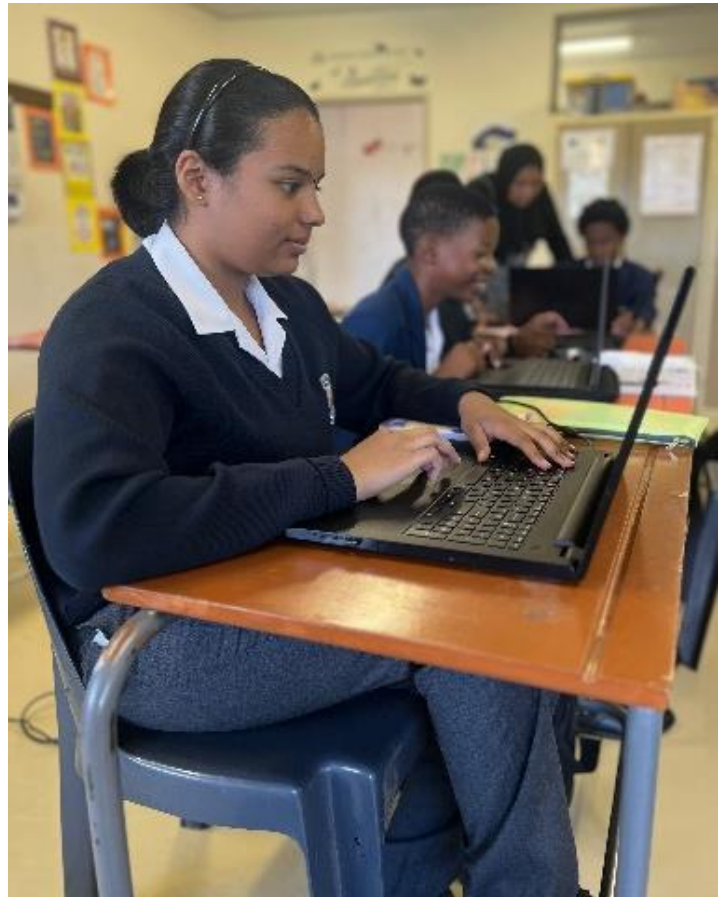
This curriculum covers basic office administration skills, desktop computer applications and computer use, that would be needed to work in an office.

As part of the studies, learners will have the opportunity to see how the Orion front and back office operate.

Learners will need to have *access to their own laptop*.

What can learners do after completing the TOC programme?

They may be able to continue their studies at a TVET college or school-based college that offers **vocational learning programmes at NQF 2** and above, including at Orion - should this be suitable for them.



TOC Accreditation and Assessment

General Education component: 75% School-Based Assessment + 25% External Examination.

Vocational Subjects: 50% Practical + 25% Written Test + 25% External Exam.

Achievement: Minimum of 40% in four subjects (3 General + 1 Vocational) for certification.

Rating Scale: 1–7 (Not Achieved = 1; to Outstanding = 7).

Duration: Minimum 4 years; maximum 6 years depending on the ability of any particular pupil.

Credits: 120 (60 General Education + 60 Vocational subjects).

The TOC is moderated by **Umalusi** to ensure validity, fairness, and consistency.