



# ICB

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QUALIFICATIONS

## ASSESSMENT POLICY 2016

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## 1. ABOUT THE INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED BOOKKEEPERS

The Institute of Certified Bookkeepers (ICB) has been around for a while – since 1931 in fact. Which means you can trust that we know what's what in this industry. For 85 years we have been improving and maintaining the quality of bookkeeping, accounting, office administration and financial management training and qualifications in southern Africa. We have also built up the credibility and reputation of these fields.

- You can study ICB programmes at over 500 training sites in southern Africa.
- We assess over 45,000 learner assessments every year.

The ICB is a Quality Assurance Partner (QAP) of the Finance and Accounting Services Sector Education and Training Authority (Fasset.) We're not a training provider – we are an examining and certification body for several of Fasset's business qualifications.

### STUDY PROGRAMMES

The ICB offers the following five programmes of study:

PROGRAMME	PROGRAMME LEVELS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED NQF QUALIFICATIONS
<b>ICB Financial Accounting Programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation Level <i>Registered qualification: National Certificate: Bookkeeping</i></li> <li>• Intermediate Level <i>Registered qualification: Further Education and Training Certificate: Bookkeeping</i></li> <li>• Upper Intermediate Level <i>Registered qualification: National Diploma: Technical Financial Accounting</i></li> <li>• Advanced Level <i>Registered qualification: National Diploma: Financial Accounting</i></li> </ul>
<b>ICB Public Sector Accounting Programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation Level <i>Registered qualification: National Certificate: Public Sector Accounting</i></li> <li>• Intermediate Level <i>Registered qualification: Diploma: Public Sector Accounting</i></li> <li>• Advanced Level <i>Registered qualification: National Diploma: Financial Accounting</i></li> </ul>
<b>ICB Business Management Programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation Level <i>Registered qualification: National Certificate: Small Business Financial Management</i></li> <li>• Intermediate Level <i>Registered qualification: Higher Certificate: Office Administration</i></li> <li>• Advanced Level <i>Registered qualification: National Diploma: Financial Accounting</i></li> </ul>
<b>ICB Entrepreneurship Programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation Level <i>Registered qualification: National Certificate: Small Business Financial Management</i></li> <li>• Intermediate Level <i>Registered qualification: Registered qualification: Higher Certificate: Office Administration</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced Level <i>Registered qualification: National Diploma: Financial Accounting</i></li> </ul>
<b>ICB Office Administration Programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foundation Level <i>Registered qualification: Certificate: Office Administration</i></li> <li>Intermediate Level <i>Registered qualification: Higher Certificate: Office Administration</i></li> <li>Advanced Level <i>Registered qualification: Diploma: Office Administration</i></li> </ul>

If you are looking for more information about our five programmes, please see our Prospectus or visit our website - [www.icb.org.za](http://www.icb.org.za).

## 2. HOW ICB ASSESSMENT WORKS

When you register to study an ICB programme, you'll also need to register to be assessed for it. This is so that we can determine at the end of it whether you know and understand the study material and the learning outcomes well enough to pass.

### 2.1. PORTFOLIOS OF EVIDENCE

The ICB uses Portfolios of Evidence (PoE) to conduct learner assessments. During your studies, you will add things like exercises (activities) and assignments (evaluations) to your PoE. When you go to write your final exam (summative assessment), you'll put your question and answer paper into your full PoE and hand everything in. All this evidence in your PoE is assessed by an ICB registered assessor, who uses it to decide whether you are competent in that particular subject.

Your PoE will contain the items below, which contribute towards your final result:

Formative Activity 1	Assignment	30% (no minimum to pass)
Formative Activity 2	Assignment	
Formative Activity 3	Assignment	
Formative Evaluation 1	Test	
Formative Evaluation 2	Test	
Summative Assessment	Final exam	
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>100%</b> <b>(60% minimum to pass)</b>

The work you do during your subject counts for 30% of your overall subject mark. Your final exam counts for 70% of the total. You need to get an overall mark of 60% or higher to pass – and you must get at least 50% for your final exam (i.e. the summative assessment has a sub-minimum 50% pass mark requirement).

You must complete all the assignments and tests before your final exam date and make sure you have inserted them into your PoE. Final exams (summative assessments) are written on specific dates set by the ICB. To find out what the exam dates are for this year, see the ICB's current prospectus, or visit our website.

Your PoE is personalised according to what subjects you are registered for. It will contain:

- **Portfolio Administration Book:** This includes guidelines for completing your PoE as well as forms and checklists.
- **Activity Question Papers Book:** This contains the questions for formative activities 1, 2 and 3.
- **Activity Answer Book:** An empty book which you'll fill with your answers to formative activities 1, 2 and 3.
- **Evaluation Question Papers and Answer Books:** If you are studying via correspondence, the tests for formative evaluations 1 and 2 will be included in your PoE. If you're a classroom-based learner, we'll send them to your college and they'll give them to you as controlled class tests.
- **Summative Assessment Question Papers and Answer Books:** At your summative assessment, you will be given your final exam question paper, along with an answer book. These must be added to your PoE at the end of the exam.

**IMPORTANT:** You need to make 100% sure that everything is included in your PoE before you submit it. Check and then double check it! Make a copy of everything (except the final exam paper) and keep the copy somewhere safe for your records. We cannot accept any additional materials for marking after you've handed it in. If you don't hand in your formative activities and evaluations, you will get a mark of zero for them.

## 2.2. ASSESSMENT

See section 2.1. above for the breakdown of mark allocations across formative and summative assessments, and for minimum pass marks.

Each ICB programme is designed to have specific outcomes. These outcomes are things that you will be able to do and understand as a result of your studies. Explanations of these will be included in your PoE – or you can also find them in the document "Curriculum statements" on our website.

All subjects must be assessed by registered assessors. The ICB manages this and makes sure that qualified, FASSET-registered assessors set, mark and moderate your work. This ensures consistency and high standards.

Every year, we make sure that our subject content is updated. This guarantees that what you study is up to date and relevant – and that you learn about the latest in legislation, tax and the industry.

Updated subjects are assessed from April every year. It's important that if you have to re-take an assessment, that you are aware of any changes to that subject's content.

**Note:** The Business Literacy subject is assessed at NQF levels 3, 4 or 5, depending on which qualification it is part of. In the final Business Literacy exam, each question will have elements of NQF levels 3, 4 and 5.

### 2.3. ASSESSMENT VENUES

Assessments (specifically final exams) are held at approved assessment centres. Assessment venues are arranged by the ICB. Before you attend your assessment, please make sure you have read and understood this Assessment policy.

We provide question papers to the person responsible for conducting the assessment.

### 2.4. REGISTERING FOR ASSESSMENTS

When you start studying an ICB programme for the first time, you need to register with us. Fill in the ICB Learner Details Form, pay your annual registration fee and we'll put all your details onto our system. Or register via our Learner Portal (see [www.icb.org.za](http://www.icb.org.za)). You'll also need to choose your subjects and once you have, you need to submit an Assessment Entry Form with proof of payment. This means that you are registered for an assessment in the subjects you've chosen – in other words, you've signed up for the tests and exams! If you want to change these dates later, you can, but there will be a cost involved.

Assessments take place on fixed dates during the year and you must get your application in before the closing date for each. Please check our Prospectus and/or website for the deadlines for assessment registration.

If you do not get your registration in on time, your assessment will be carried forward to the next assessment date. If you are studying via correspondence, you must send your Assessment Entry Forms with proof of payment directly to the ICB or enter via the online Learner Portal. If you are doing classroom-based studies, you will register via your college. Ask your student advisor what you need to do. Call our office if you are still uncertain.

If you don't fill in a date next to the subjects you tick on your Assessment Entry Form, the ICB will enter you for the first available assessment date.

Please check that you have filled in your forms correctly, and if you are a correspondence learner, that you have paid the right assessment fees. If your form is incomplete or your payment is wrong, your assessment application will not be accepted.

Once the ICB has received and processed your Assessment Entry Forms, you will be sent your Portfolio of Evidence. You'll get this straight from us if you're a correspondence or independent/private learner – otherwise your college will give it to you. If you haven't registered for an assessment, you won't be sent a PoE and will not be allowed to write any final exams. Please make sure that your Assessment Entry Forms are sent in as early as possible because it takes around 3-4 weeks from submitting your forms and proof of payment to receiving your PoE. Getting your forms in early also means you have more time to do all the work required for your PoE, before your final exam!

It is YOUR responsibility to make sure you have a PoE, and that it's the correct one for the subject(s) you have entered. Ask your college or contact the ICB if you've not received any correspondence within 3-4 weeks of entering and paying for an ICB assessment, or if any details on the PoE are incorrect.

### 2.5. FORMATIVE ACTIVITIES

The three assignments which make up the formative activities in your PoE are important. They've been designed to prepare you for the tests (formative evaluations) and your final exam.

These assignments are to be completed under uncontrolled conditions – in other words, you can do them in your own time, when and however you want to. They must be completed in the Activity Answer Books you've been given, and added to your PoE before your final exam. If you don't include them, they can't be counted towards your final grade, and might result in you being declared 'Not yet competent' (failing the subject).

## 2.6. FORMATIVE EVALUATIONS

You must complete two tests (formative evaluations) as part of your overall assessment. There is no minimum mark you need to get for them, but they do count towards your final grade.

If you are doing classroom-based study, you will write these tests under controlled conditions at your college. In this case, the ICB will provide your college with the Formative Evaluations' question papers and answer books. We provide a marking memorandum to your college, which they use to mark your completed answer books (this is not given to learners!).

Correspondence and independent/private learners will receive their Formative Evaluations' test question papers and answer books in their PoE, and must complete them during the course of their studies. ICB assessors will mark them with the final exam.

Your Formative Evaluations' Answer Books MUST be included in your PoE when you hand it in at your final exam, so hang on to them and keep them safe! If you do not include them, you will be given a zero mark for them. You can't re-sit these tests.

## 2.7. SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS

Your summative assessment is your final exam, at the end of the subject you've entered. The ICB publishes timetables for these in our annual Prospectus and on our website.

- Timetable A is for classroom-based learners who are studying any of our five programmes.
- Timetable B is for correspondence and independent/private learners who are studying any of our five programmes.

On the day of your exam, you'll need to sign the ICB attendance register. Once you've finished your exam, you must add your question paper and answer book to your Portfolio of Evidence and hand it all in to your invigilator. Your invigilator will sign that s/he has received it, alongside your signature. Remember to make a copy of your PoE's formative assessments, before you write the summative assessment, for your records.

The assessor will then arrange to send all the Portfolios of Evidence to the ICB offices in Cape Town on the first working day after the summative assessments. Our Assessment Administrator records all incoming Portfolios of Evidence on our database and then forwards these to our registered assessors for marking.

The ICB is not responsible for any late scripts. If we don't receive them on time, they may not be marked and you might be recorded as not having written the assessment. If we don't receive your assessment book(s) or PoE, you'll be marked absent for the assessment, even though there may be a signature on the attendance register.

If anything doesn't match up between the documents we receive and the attendance register, we will investigate and have the right to reject any submission and record a learner as being absent for the assessment.

## 2.8. MARKING AND RESULTS

All ICB registered assessors are provided with marking memorandums, marking strategies, rubrics and descriptions of competencies. These help them assess your PoE and all its contents accurately. When the assessor has finished marking your PoE, s/he will decide whether you are 'Competent' (you've passed) or 'Not yet competent' (you haven't passed).

The ICB releases results on fixed dates over the year and your results will be released on the next 'results release date' after your final exam. Please see our website or Prospectus for these. Results are released if fees are up to date and provided that we received all the completed Portfolios of Evidence on time.

If you're doing classroom-based study, we'll send your results to your college who will release them. (They'll get these if they've followed all the ICB's policies and procedures properly, and if their account with us is not in arrears.) If you're a correspondence or private learner, we'll send you your results directly and you may also get them from the Learner Portal.

Learners will receive an individual letter showing their own assessment results. If you're doing classroom-based studies at a college, your college will give you this. Correspondence and independent/private learners will have these posted to them. ICB Programme Certificates will be available around 6-8 weeks after the Result Release Date. If you haven't received anything 8 weeks after your results release date, then please contact the ICB. Fasset qualification certificates will then follow after a minimum of 3 months.

According to SAQA rules, we will hold on to your PoE for a period of time in case your results need to be verified by them. PoEs are held by the ICB for a period of 5 years and are not returned to the learner or provider. Past question papers may not be used by providers or learners for practice purposes as these remain the property of the ICB, in order to keep our assessments credible.

## **2.9. MODERATION OF PORTFOLIOS OF EVIDENCE**

The ICB has very strict quality assurance practices to make sure that the assessment process is in line with best practices. All results are looked at very carefully before they are released, and a minimum of 10% of Portfolios of Evidence are sent for moderation. This means that external assessors check that they have been marked fairly and consistently.

## **3. CONDUCT OF THE ICB'S ASSESSMENTS**

3.1. Invigilators are appointed by either by the ICB (at external assessment centres) or by a college (if it is an accredited centre).

Invigilators are there to make sure that the exams (assessments) are run properly and according to ICB standards. Their decisions on any matters at the assessment are final.

3.2. If you are writing an assessment, make sure you arrive on time so that you are prepared and calm when the assessment begins. Learners who arrive at the assessment centre up to 30 min after the start of a paper may be permitted to write – but must give a reason for their lateness. This plus your candidate number and time of arrival will be reported to the Academic Board (AB). If you arrive late, you will not be given extra time – but your performance and the reason for your lateness will be considered by the AB when reviewing your results.

If you cannot provide a good reason for being late, or we suspect you tried to get an advantage over other learners, the AB has the right to give you a zero mark for your assessment result. If you arrive over 30 min after the start of a paper, you will not be allowed to write the assessment. If extreme lateness has been caused by exceptional reasons outside your control, you can appeal to the invigilator in charge, who can decide whether to admit you or not.

3.3. The invigilator will ask learners to provide proof of identity.

3.4. You may use basic or scientific pocket calculators (not financial) in the exam as long as:

- You use them in a way that does not disturb other learners
- They don't need mains power supply
- They are not used to display information or run programmes that were stored on them before the assessment.

3.5. You may not take any book, manual, paper or manuscript into the assessment, except those which are approved by the ICB and are listed in the Assessor's Instructions for that assessment. Any

unauthorised material will be collected by the invigilator who may keep it in case the ICB needs to see it.

3.6. All your personal electronic devices (mobile phones, tablets, etc.) must be switched off prior to the commencement of the assessment and may not be used during it.

3.7. You may not pass any information, book, paper or other material to any other learner during the assessment, unless the invigilator tells you to.

3.8. If you leave an assessment hall without permission after the assessment has started, you will not be allowed to return. If you leave and don't intend to come back, you must hand your question paper, answers and Portfolios of Evidence in to the invigilator in charge. Nobody may leave during the first 30 minutes, except under exceptional circumstances and then only with permission from the invigilator. At the end of an assessment, you must stay in your seat until the invigilator says you can go.

3.9. The invigilator in charge must let the ICB know about any assessment irregularities or misconduct. While expelling a learner from an assessment is always a last resort, the invigilator has the power to stop the assessment of anyone who behaves improperly.

3.10. Invigilators must not have a teaching/facilitating or similar role with the learners sitting the assessment. They must be independent and cannot be the learners' tutor.

3.11. If we suspect you have been involved in any misconduct during an assessment, we will refer your case to the AB. We can also withhold your results until the investigation is finished.

3.12. At the assessment you will be given a question paper and answer book(s). Listen carefully to the invigilator's instructions and make sure you answer the questions in the correct answer book.

3.13. Any written answers must be in pen, but you can use pencils for flow charts, diagrams and graphs.

3.14. Please include your calculations and workings in your written answers. Use a separate piece of paper if you need to, making it clear what question the rough workings are for, and attach it to your answer book.

3.15. When the invigilator says the assessment is over, you must stop writing immediately and put down your pens/pencils. Anyone who continues to write will be reported to the AB for misconduct. You will have a few minutes to put your answer books together. It's your responsibility to make sure that all your question papers and answer books are added to your PoE.

3.16. The invigilator will collect Portfolios of Evidence in alphabetical order. When all have been collected, learners may leave. If you don't want to submit an answer book, you have to write 'No answer submitted' on the front of the answer book and hand it in with the rest of your PoE (include any rough work, although this will not be marked).

3.17. All question and answer books are the property of the ICB and will not be returned to you. You agree to this as part of your application for assessment.

3.18. You may not take the question paper or any other materials away from the assessment venue.

3.19. If your invigilator suspects you of cheating or copying in an assessment, they will mark on your paper where they think this occurred. They will also write a detailed report about the suspected offence and add this to your PoE. If the invigilator is satisfied that you have stopped copying/cheating, s/he may give you permission to continue with your exam. The AB will review the invigilator's report and decide whether or not to assess your PoE.

## 4. ICB LEARNER DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

As an ICB learner, you are bound by the Institute's rules and disciplinary procedures. Matters like misconduct at assessments and providing untrue information when you register or apply for exemptions are also covered by these rules.

The way the ICB's disciplinary procedures work is set out in the Institute's by-laws. The parts that are relevant to learners are summarised below.

Once the Disciplinary Committee has found a complaint to be valid, it will then decide what action to take. This action depends on what and how severe the matter is, and any other relevant facts. Actions may include giving the learner a warning, reprimanding them or dismissing them from the ICB. This may be done publicly or privately, as the ICB sees fit.

If the Disciplinary Committee feels that none of the above is appropriate, it can order that no further action needs to be taken on the complaint.

The ICB has the right to withhold any learner's assessment results until a disciplinary case has been concluded. If the learner is declared unfit to continue as a registered learner, assessment results will not be released.

The Disciplinary Committee's decisions are sent to the learner's last known address by registered post.

The Disciplinary or Appeals Committees may ask the learner to pay up to R 5,000 as fines or to cover ICB costs. Any payments must be made within 21 days of the date of notification, unless the learner appeals this. If this happens, no costs are paid until the appeal is concluded. No appeal may be made about costs alone.

The Disciplinary or Appeals Committees can decide whether or not to publish the name of a learner.

## 5. POSTPONEMENTS, CANCELLATIONS AND ABSENTEEISM

Once you have registered for a summative assessment you cannot cancel your entry. You can however postpone your assessment date for these reasons:

### 5.1. VOLUNTARY POSTPONEMENT

If you are unable to write on the date you registered for your final exam, you can submit the Assessment Entry form (postponement selected), and pay the postponement fee.

The ICB must receive your form and payment by the dates stipulated on the timetable. If approved, we will automatically assign your assessment to the next date on our assessment timetable.

You can only postpone your final exam **ONCE** for each subject, after which you must enter for a new PoE and pay the fee for a first time entry again.

### 5.2. MEDICAL POSTPONEMENT

If you are unable to sit your final exam for your own medical reasons i.e. your own illness or injury, you can send a doctor's certificate (relating to the date of your final exam) and a request for medical postponement to the ICB. You must tell us which summative assessment you were supposed to write and when. We must receive this no later than **TWO WEEKS** after your original summative assessment date.

Medical postponements are given at the discretion of the ICB.

- We do not charge any fees for medical postponements. If your postponement is granted, you will be automatically allocated to the next assessment date.

### 5.3. ABSENTEEISM

If you are absent for a final exam, did not postpone it/postpone it in time, and don't have a medical reason, you will forfeit the fee and the opportunity to write. You will be marked as 'Absent.' Should you wish to write at a later stage, you will have to enter for a new PoE and pay the fee for a first time entry again.

## 6. GRIEVANCES AND REVIEWS OF MARKS

Within ONE MONTH of your results being released, you can apply to have your assessment reviewed via a re-mark if you wish i.e. if you have any queries or grievances about the outcome.

- The re-mark is the only way to query an outcome with the ICB.
- To apply you must submit the ICB's Application for Re-mark of Assessment form, pay the "Assessment re-mark & examiners report" fee and await the outcome which can take up to 28 working days.

Please note that applications after the one month period is up will not be considered. Unless your re-mark application is accepted, the ICB will not discuss the matter further.

If your Application for Re-mark is received on time, an assessor and moderator will review your entire Portfolio of Evidence and we shall send you a detailed Re-mark Report. This will assist you by showing how you did in each section. The moderator's decision is final and following it, the matter is closed (the ICB will not have any further discussions with you, your provider, facilitators, etc.).

## 7. SUPPLEMENTARY ASSESSMENTS

You can re-write an additional summative / supplementary assessment **once** if you were assessed as 'Not yet competent' because:

- You did not achieve the 50% minimum grade for your final exam
- You did not achieve the overall sub-minimum of 60%.

To apply for a supplementary assessment, you must re-enter the assessment, pay the re-assessment fee and rewrite the assessment – all within 12 months of your original summative assessment date.

We strongly recommend that you write your supplementary exam as soon as you can as the subject content changes often. It is always your responsibility to make sure you know about any new content for a particular subject.

As with the regular summative assessments, you must sign the attendance register at your supplementary exam. If you obtain 60% or more for your supplementary exam, you will be assessed as 'Competent'.

If you do not pass your supplementary exam, you cannot rewrite the assessment again. Instead you have to redo the subject and complete a new Portfolio of Evidence. This applies to all assessments except Accounting Theory and Practice. With this subject, if you are still 'Not yet competent' after your supplementary assessment, you need to complete a new dissertation (there is no PoE for this subject).

## 8. ASSESSMENT UPDATE POLICY

On 1 April every year, the ICB updates its assessments and Portfolios of Evidence. This is to keep our qualifications in line with legal, industry and tax changes.

From April 2016, summative assessments (final exams) will be based on the 2016 curriculum and 2016 Portfolios of Evidence are available from November 2015 (for learners who have registered for assessments after 1 April 2016).

The date that you send in your application does not matter – it's the date of the assessment that's important. So if you register at any time for an assessment that takes place on or after 1 April 2016, you will be assessed on the 2016 curriculum. You will also receive a 2016 PoE. But if you register for an assessment that is scheduled on or before 31 March 2016, you'll be assessed on the 2015 curriculum and will get a 2015 PoE.

Here are some examples of how this could work for you:

Scenario	Date of PoE	Date of Textbook	Summative Assessment Date	Curriculum Year Assessed in PoE	Curriculum Year Assessed in Summative
A	2015	2015	Jan/Feb/Mar 2015	2015	2015
B	2015	2015	April – Dec 2016	2015	2016
C	2016	2016	April – Dec 2016	2016	2016

### Scenario A:

If you have a 2015 PoE and a 2015 textbook, and are writing your summative assessment in Jan/Feb/Mar 2015, there's no problem. The PoE is assessed independently as a 2015 PoE, and the final exam (summative) is based on the 2015 curriculum.

### Scenario B:

If you have a 2015 PoE and a 2015 textbook, and are writing your final exam in or after April 2016, there's no problem with the PoE. Your PoE will be assessed independently as a 2015 PoE. BUT beware of the curriculum changes for your summative assessment as it's based on the 2016 material.

Please refer to the 2016 ICB Curriculum Statements to make sure you know what is covered. These are available on our website.

### Scenario C:

If you have a 2016 PoE and 2016 textbook, and are writing your summative assessment after 1 April 2016, everything is consistent and you have no versions to consider.

## 9. RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

If you have studied similar courses previously, or have relevant work experience, you can apply for exemptions (recognition of prior learning) from the ICB. If your application is approved, you will get credits for subjects within an ICB qualification, or even credit for a whole ICB qualification.

To apply for RPL you need to:

9.1. Read and sign the Guideline for Recognition of Prior Learning (refer to [www.icb.org.za](http://www.icb.org.za)).

9.2. Fill in the Learner Details form (tick the “Apply for Recognition of Prior Learning” block.) This is downloadable from the ICB website).

9.3. Pay the RPL administration fee to the ICB.

9.4. Post, fax or email the documents as indicated in the Guideline for Recognition of Prior Learning, to the ICB.

Once the ICB's Exemptions Review Board has reviewed your application, they will write to you with their decision. Expect this to take 4-6 weeks from receipt of all the required documents and proof of payment.

Feedback will be given by subject and could be:

- Full Exemption granted
- Exemption not granted
- Conditional exemption granted

Refer to the Guideline for Recognition of Prior Learning for full details regarding the feedback.

## 10. LEARNER REGISTRATION

All learners registering with the ICB must pay the Annual Student Registration Fee for each year they study with us. Registration forms (Learner Details forms) are available on our website and must be submitted to the ICB with a copy of your ID document.

If you have already registered with the ICB, we will send you a reminder notice during November to pay your registration fees for the following year.

## 11. FEES AND PAYMENTS

In addition to the Annual Registration Fee mentioned above, when you register for an assessment, you must also pay an assessment fee for each subject to the ICB.

If you're studying full or part time at a college, they will pay these fees to us (they are probably included in your college fees). Correspondence and independent/private learners must pay ICB registration and assessment fees to us directly.

Please note that registration and assessment fees are not refundable. Fees may change without notice. Fees include VAT for South Africa and include bank charges for payments sent from outside South Africa.

## 12. CERTIFICATION

Because our qualifications are registered on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), when learners finish their studies, certificates are issued by Fasset, which is the sector's Education and Training Quality Assurer (ETQA).

We upload learner details and results to the National Learner Records Database. Fasset has the right to verify ICB assessment processes and if they do so, this can mean a delay in your final certification being confirmed.

The ICB will issue you with an ICB Programme Certificate after you have completed all the required subjects within the programme you registered for.

Refer also to point 2.8. *Marking and Results* (above) regarding certificates.

### **13. CONTACT US**

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