



# **NATIONAL SKILLS QUALIFICATION**

## **LEVEL 3**

### **TITLE:**

*DRONE TECHNOLOGY*

### **YEAR:**

**2024**

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## **NSQ LEVEL 3 DRONE TECHNOLOGY**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **QUALIFICATION PURPOSE**

This qualification aims to equip learners with skills for effective drone operation and application across design and other professional fields

#### **QUALIFICATION OBJECTIVES**

The learner should be able to understand: -

- i. Maintain safe working practices in the graphic design environment
- ii. Work effectively within graphic design teams
- iii. Convey technical information effectively
- iv. Apply drone mechanics and flight physics
- v. Carryout Drone Assembly and Maintenance
- vi. Conduct Flight Operations and Training
- vii. Execute Autonomous Flight and Mission Planning.
- viii. Operate drones
- ix. Integrate drone-captured media into design projects
- x. Apply Drones in diverse Career fields
- xi. Identify Entrepreneurship and Career Opportunities in Drones
- xii. Utilize Advanced Applications and Certification Resources

### Mandatory Units

Unit No	Reference Number	NOS Title	Credit Value	Guided Learning Hours	Remark
UNIT 01	ICT/DRT/001/L3	<b>Occupational Health and Safety</b>	1	10	Mandatory
UNIT 02	ICT/DRT/002/L3	<b>Teamwork</b>	1	10	Mandatory
UNIT 03	ICT/DRT/003/L3	<b>Communication</b>	1	10	Mandatory
UNIT 04	ICT/DRT/004/L3	<b>Fundamentals of Drone Technology</b>	2	20	Mandatory
UNIT 05	ICT/DRT/005/L3	<b>Drone Mechanics and Flight Physics</b>	2	20	Mandatory
UNIT 06	ICT/DRT/006/L3	<b>Drone Assembly and Maintenance</b>	2	20	Mandatory
UNIT 07	ICT/DRT/007/L3	<b>Flight Operations and Training</b>	2	20	Mandatory
UNIT 08	ICT/DRT/008/L3	<b>Autonomous Flight and Mission Planning</b>	2	20	Mandatory
UNIT 09	ICT/DRT/009/L3	<b>Applications, Career and Certifications in Drone Technology</b>	2	20	Mandatory
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>10</b>	<b>100</b>	

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#### **Unit 1: OCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**Unit Reference Number:**

**NSQ Level: 3**

**Credit Value: 1**

**Guided Learning Hours: 10**

#### **Unit Purpose:**

*This unit is designed to equip learners with the knowledge and skills to implement and maintain safe working practices in the IT environment, ensuring personal and team safety while adhering to industry regulations and standards*

#### **Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:**

Assessment must be carried out in real workplace environment in which learning and human development is carried out.

#### ***Assessment methods to be used include:***

1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
2. Question and Answer (QA)
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## 001: Occupational Health and Safety

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO)		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	Evidence Type				Evidence Ref. Page No.			
The learner will:		The learner can:								
<b>LO 1: Understand Workplace Health and Safety Regulations</b>	1.1	Explain key OHS legislation and regulations relevant to Drone Technology								
	1.2	Identify the roles and responsibilities of individuals and organizations in maintaining a safe work environment								
	1.3	Describe the process for reporting health and safety risks and incidents.								
<b>LO 2: Identify Workplace Hazards and Implement Control Measures</b>	2.1	Identify common hazards in Drone Technology work environments, including electrical, ergonomic, and data-related risks								
	2.2	Assess the severity and likelihood of potential hazards in specific Drone tasks.								
	2.3	Implement appropriate control measures, such as safe cabling practices, ergonomic workstation setup, and electrical safety protocols.								
<b>LO 3: Apply Emergency Procedures and First Aid in the Workplace</b>	3.1	Demonstrate the correct procedure for responding to workplace emergencies, such as electrical fires or equipment malfunctions.								
	3.2	Perform basic first aid techniques, including treating minor injuries and using first aid equipment								
	3.3	Communicate and coordinate effectively with emergency services and other relevant personnel during a workplace incident.								

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### **Unit 002: Teamwork**

**Unit Reference Number:**

**NSQ Level: 3**

**Credit Value: 1**

**Guided Learning Hours: 10**

### **Unit Purpose:**

*This unit is designed to equip learners' abilities to work effectively within IT teams, fostering collaboration, problem-solving, and the achievement of shared goals.*

### **Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:**

Assessment must be carried out in real workplace environment in which learning and human development is carried out.

### ***Assessment methods to be used include:***

1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
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## UNIT 002: Teamwork

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO)  The learner will:		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA  The learner can:	Evidence Type				Evidence Ref. Page No.			
<b>LO 1: Understand the Roles and Responsibilities within a Team</b>	1.1	Identify the different roles and functions within an Drone Technology team (e.g., network engineers, system administrators, software developers).								
	1.2	Describe the key responsibilities and contributions of each team member.								
	1.3	Recognize the importance of each role in achieving the team's objectives.								
<b>LO 2: Foster Positive Working Relationships within a Team</b>	2.1	Demonstrate techniques for effective interpersonal communication and conflict resolution in a team environment.								
	2.2	Show the ability to provide constructive feedback and actively listen to others' contributions								
	2.3	Promote inclusivity and collaboration among team members to ensure participation and engagement from all.								
<b>LO 3: Contribute to Team Problem-Solving and Decision-Making</b>	3.1	Participate in group discussions to identify and analyse Drone Technology related problems.								
	3.2	Suggest innovative solutions and support team decision-making processes.								
	3.3	Evaluate the effectiveness of team decisions and propose improvements where necessary.								

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### **Unit 003: Communication**

**Unit Reference Number:**

**NSQ Level: 3**

**Credit Value: 1**

**Guided Learning Hours: 10**

### **Unit Purpose:**

*This unit is designed to equip learners' communication skills, enabling them to convey technical information effectively and collaborate with both technical and non-technical stakeholders.*

### **Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:**

Assessment must be carried out in real workplace environment in which learning and human development is carried out.

### ***Assessment methods to be used include:***

1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
2. Question and Answer (QA)
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### UNIT 003: Communication

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO)  The learner will:		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA  The learner can:	Evidence Type	Evidence Ref. Page No.
<b>LO 1: Communicate Technical Information Clearly and Accurately</b>	1.1	Explain Drone concepts, procedures, and solutions in a manner appropriate to the audience, whether technical or non-technical.		
	1.2	Use industry-standard terminology correctly when describing technical processes		
	1.3	Adapt communication methods to suit the context, such as written reports, emails, or verbal presentations.		
<b>LO 2: Utilize Digital Communication Tools Effectively</b>	2.1	Use digital tools for communication, such as email, messaging platforms, and collaboration software (e.g., Slack, Teams).		
	2.2	Adhere to best practices for professional digital communication, including email etiquette and secure file sharing.		
	2.3	Use collaborative tools to share and receive feedback on documents, code, or project updates.		
<b>LO 3: Listen and Respond Appropriately in a Professional Context</b>	3.1	Demonstrate active listening skills during team discussions or client meetings.		
	3.2	Respond to questions, concerns, and feedback clearly and effectively.		
	3.3	Clarify misunderstandings and summarize discussions to ensure mutual understanding.		

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### Unit 004: FUNDAMENTALS OF DRONE TECHNOLOGY

**Unit Reference Number:** ICT/DRT/004/L3

**NSQ Level:** 3

**Credit Value:** 2

**Guided Learning Hours:** 20

**Unit Purpose:** *This unit is designed to equip learners with knowledge and skills of fundamentals of Drone Technology.*

**Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:**

These assessments ensure that learners can apply their knowledge in practical settings and produce evidence of their skills through various forms of documentation.

***Assessment methods to be used include:***

1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
2. Question and Answer (QA)
3. Witness Testimony (WT)
4. Assignment (ASS), etc.

*(This depends on the Trade Areas to be assessed)*

## UNIT 004: Fundamentals of Drone Technology

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO)		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	Evidence Type		Evidence Ref. No.	Page No.
<b>The learner will:</b>		<b>The learner can:</b>				
<b>LO1:</b> <b>Understand the concept of Drone Technology</b>	1.1	Explain Drone Evolution				
	1.2	Explain Impact of Drones in various industries				
	1.3	Explain Applications of Drone Technology				
<b>LO 2:</b> <b>Understand Types of Drones</b>	2.1	Mention types of Drones				
	2.2	Explain Multirotor, Fixed-wing and hybrid drones.				
	2.3	Explain application of Drones in Agriculture, Survey, Photography.				
<b>LO 3:</b> <b>Know Drone Components</b>	3.1	Mention Drone components				
	3.2	Explain the functions of Brushless motors and propellers				
	3.3	Explain the functions of Sensors and Flight controllers				

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### Unit 005: DRONE MECHANICS AND FLIGHT PHYSICS IN

**Unit Reference Number:** ICT/DRT/005/L3

**NSQ Level:** 3

**Credit Value:** 2

**Guided Learning Hours:** 20

**Unit Purpose:** *This unit is designed to equip learners with knowledge and skills of drone mechanics and flight physics*

#### **Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:**

These assessments ensure that learners can apply their knowledge in practical settings and produce evidence of their skills through various forms of documentation.

#### ***Assessment methods to be used include:***

1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
2. Question and Answer (QA)
3. Witness Testimony (WT)
4. Assignment (ASS), etc.

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## UNIT 005: Drone Mechanics and Flight Physics

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO)		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	Evidence Type		Evidence Ref. Page No.
The learner will:		The learner can:			
<b>LO1: Understand Principles of Aerodynamics</b>	1.1	Define Aerodynamics			
	1.2	State the principles of Aerodynamics			
	1.3	Explain the following: a. Lift b. Thrust c. Stability			
<b>LO 2: Know Drone Control Systems</b>	2.1	Explain Control systems			
	2.2	Explain controllers			
	2.3	Explain Gyroscopes			
	2.4	Explain Accelerometers			
<b>LO 3: Know Drone Electronics</b>	3.1	Describe Basic Drone Circuitry for Quadcopters			
	3.2	Explain Functions of the Power distribution			
	3.3	Explain safety considerations of power distributions			

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### **Unit 006: DRONE ASSEMBLY AND MAINTENANCE**

**Unit Reference Number:** ICT/DRT/006/L3

**NSQ Level:** 3

**Credit Value:** 2

**Guided Learning Hours:** 20

**Unit Purpose:** *This unit is designed to equip learners with knowledge and skills in Drone Assembly and Maintenance.*

#### **Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:**

These assessments ensure that learners can apply their knowledge in practical settings and produce evidence of their skills through various forms of documentation.

#### ***Assessment methods to be used include:***

1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
2. Question and Answer (QA)
3. Witness Testimony (WT)
4. Assignment (ASS), etc.

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## UNIT 006: Drone Assembly and Maintenance

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO)		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	Evidence Type		Evidence Ref. No.	Page No.
The learner will:		The learner can:				
<b>LO1: Know Parts Assembly</b>	1.1	Identify different parts of a Drone				
	1.2	Assemble the different parts.				
	1.3	Use kits to practices Assembly				
<b>LO 2:  Know Battery and Power Management</b>	2.1	Define Power management in Drone Technology				
	2.2	Explain Battery Capacity				
	2.3	Describe Battery Management for Endurance flight				
	2.4	Demonstrate battery Safety				
<b>LO 3:  Know Maintenance and Troubleshooting</b>	3.1	Carryout regular maintenance				
	3.2	Diagnose problems				
	3.3	Carryout corrective practices				
	3.4	Carryout preventive practices				

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### **Unit 7: FLIGHT OPERATIONS AND TRAINING**

**Unit Reference Number:** ICT/DRT/007/L3

**NSQ Level:** 3

**Credit Value:** 2

**Guided Learning Hours:** 20

**Unit Purpose:** *This unit is designed to equip learners with knowledge and skills of Flight Operations*

**Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:**

These assessments ensure that learners can apply their knowledge in practical settings and produce evidence of their skills through various forms of documentation.

***Assessment methods to be used include:***

1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
2. Question and Answer (QA)
3. Witness Testimony (WT)
4. Assignment (ASS), etc.

*(This depends on the Trade Areas to be assessed)*



## UNIT 007: Flight Operations and Training

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO)		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	Evidence Type		Evidence Ref. Page No.
The learner will:		The learner can:			
<b>LO1: Understand Flight Controls and Operations</b>	1.1	Setup the controller			
	1.2	Configure the Controller			
	1.3	Calibrate the controller			
<b>LO 2:  Know Flight techniques</b>	2.1	Practice take-off			
	2.2	Demonstrate Landing			
	2.3	Demonstrate hovering			
	2.4	Practice orientation control			
<b>LO 3:  Know Maintenance and Troubleshooting</b>	3.1	Carryout regular maintenance			
	3.2	Diagnose problems			
	3.3	Carryout corrective practices			
	3.4	Carryout preventive practices			
<b>LO 4:  Know Safety Protocols</b>	4.1	Identify the importance of pre-flight inspections			
	4.2	Checklist for drone hardware, software, and battery conditions.			
	4.3	Explain drone flight regulations and restrictions			
	4.4	Assess weather conditions before flight			
	4.5	Manage Challenges like wind, rain and low visibility			
<b>LO 5:  Know Emergency procedures</b>	5.1	Carryout controlled emergency landing			
	5.2	Identify safe landing zones.			
	5.3	Use on-board sensors and manual navigation to avoid obstacles.			
	5.4	Carryout strategies for handling unexpected obstruction.			

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### Unit 8: AUTONOMOUS FLIGHT AND MISSION PLANNING

**Unit Reference Number:** ICT/DRT/08/L3

**NSQ Level:** 3

**Credit Value:** 2

**Guided Learning Hours:** 20

**Unit Purpose:** *This unit is designed to equip learners with knowledge and skills in Autonomous Flight and Mission Planning.*

**Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:**

These assessments ensure that learners can apply their knowledge in practical settings and produce evidence of their skills through various forms of documentation.

***Assessment methods to be used include:***

1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
2. Question and Answer (QA)
3. Witness Testimony (WT)
4. Assignment (ASS), etc.

*(This depends on the Trade Areas to be assessed)*

## UNIT 008: Autonomous Flight and Mission Planning

LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO)		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	Evidence Type		Evidence Ref. Page No.
The learner will:		The learner can:			
<b>LO1: Know Autonomous Flight</b>	1.1	Explain waypoint navigation			
	1.2	Explain Mission programming			
	1.3	Demonstrate waypoint navigation			
<b>LO 2:  Understand Autonomous Flight</b>	2.1	Practice Path Accuracy			
	2.2	Explain obstacle detection			
	2.3	Carryout flight time management			
	2.4	Perform automated mission using Software			
<b>LO 3: Know mission Planning Essentials</b>	3.1	Plan route for survey			
	3.2	Plan route for mapping			
	3.3	Carryout data collection			
	3.4	Carry out Risk assessment and mitigation.			

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#### Unit 9: APPLICATIONS, CAREERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN DRONE TECHNOLOGY

**Unit Reference Number:** ICT/DRT/009/L3

**NSQ Level:** 3

**Credit Value:** 2

**Guided Learning Hours:** 20

**Unit Purpose:** *This unit is designed to equip learners with knowledge and skills of Applications and careers in Drone Technology.*

**Unit assessment requirements/ evidence requirements:**

These assessments ensure that learners can apply their knowledge in practical settings and produce evidence of their skills through various forms of documentation.

***Assessment methods to be used include:***

1. Direct Observation/oral questions (DO)
2. Question and Answer (QA)
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*(This depends on the Trade Areas to be assessed)*

**UNIT 009: Applications, Career and Certifications in Drone Technology.**

<b>LEARNING OBJECTIVE (LO)</b>		<b>PERFORMANCE CRITERIA</b>	<b>Evidence Type</b>		<b>Evidence Ref. Page No.</b>
<b>The learner will:</b>		<b>The learner can:</b>			
<b>LO1: Understand Applications of Drones</b>	1.1	Explain the basics of Capturing high-quality images.			
	1.2	Explain the basics of Capturing high quality videos.			
	1.3	Explain application of Drone in the area Agriculture in health assessment of crops			
	1.4	Explain application of drones in soil analysis.			
	1.5	Explain the application of Drone in wildlife monitoring.			
	1.6	Explain application of Drone in forest conservation.			
<b>LO 2: Know Entrepreneurship and Career Opportunities in Drones</b>	2.1	Identify the opportunities in Photography			
	2.2	Identify the opportunities in Surveying an area.			
	2.3	Identify the opportunities in inspection services			
	2.4	Practice basic skills in promoting drone services			
	2.5	Identify freelance opportunity in the Drone Ecosystem			
	2.6	Explain the corporate roles available in the Drone Space.			
	2.7	Choose an area to specialise			
<b>LO 3: Know Advanced Applications and Certification Resources</b>	3.1	Explain applications in Inspection			
	3.2	Explain applications in search and Rescue			
	3.3	Explain applications in logistics.			
	3.4	Explain applications in Mapping			
	3.5	Explain Certification bodies for Drone Pilots and Organizations			

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