Q-Note
DIGITAL MUSIC ACADEMY

PROSPECTUS · 2027 INTAKE

Your talent is the melody. We help you make it a career.

A 100% black-owned music and sound technology academy in Diepkloof, Soweto, developing young South Africans since 2010. QCTO-accredited to offer the Higher Occupational Certificate: Sound Operator.

NQF 5 · 168 credits

Higher Occupational Certificate: Sound Operator (SAQA ID 120748)

QCTO accredited

07-QCTO/SDP200526182239, valid 15 May 2026 to 14 May 2031, for this qualification only

About 12 months

Modules at our Soweto venue, then work experience with a host employer

Since 2010

Classes in Gauteng, Limpopo and KwaZulu-Natal

QCTO Quality Council for Trades & Occupations

MICTSETA Media, Information And Communication Technologies Sector Education And Training Authority
SHAPING SKILLS, PIONEERING INDUSTRIES, EMPOWERING FUTURES

THE QUALIFICATION

Higher Occupational Certificate: Sound Operator

Learn to set up and operate audio equipment to record, edit, mix and amplify sound for live events, studios, broadcast and digital media, then prove it in a real workplace.

SAQA ID / NQF / credits	120748 · NQF Level 5 · 168 credits (about 1,680 notional hours)
Quality Council	QCTO; MICT SETA is the Development and Assessment Quality Partner
Duration and delivery	About 12 months. Knowledge and practical modules face to face (about 30%); work experience at a host employer (about 70%)
Entry requirement	NQF Level 4 (matric or equivalent), plus the Q-Note ear and timing test and an interview
Assessment	Formative assessment in every module, internal moderation, and the External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA)

MODULE	CREDITS
Knowledge modules	**50**
KM-01 Theory of Sound	18
KM-02 Sound Equipment Principles	8
KM-03 Characteristics of Audio Hardware	4
KM-04 Electronic Maintenance Theory	12
KM-05 Basic Principles of Business Management	8

MODULE	CREDITS
Practical skill modules	**78**
PM-01 Apply Theory of Sound	34
PM-02 Features and Functions of Sound Equipment	4
PM-03 Operate Prepared Audio Equipment for Production	20
PM-04 Maintain Sound Equipment	8
PM-05 Apply Effective Business Management Skills	12
Work experience: Live Events or Recorded Events	**40**

Possible career paths

Live events sound crew, studio and podcast recording, broadcast and digital media, or a sound hire business of your own. These are examples; completing the qualification does not guarantee employment.

Fees and funding. Q-Note is applying for MICT SETA funding for the 2027 intake. Funded places depend on grant approval, which has not been confirmed. Fees for self-funded learners have not been published. We never charge to apply.

ADMISSIONS

How to apply

1. **Apply online** at qnoteacademy.co.za/admissions (about ten minutes). You get a reference number.
2. **Ear and timing test**: spot the wrong note and keep time. Nothing to study.
3. **Demo and interview**: play us something you made or perform.
4. **Selection and induction**: learner agreement, portal login and induction.

We contact applicants within five working days.

Documents needed if you are selected

- Certified ID (or birth certificate)
- Matric or NQF Level 4 certificate
- Proof of address

Funded intakes reserve places for women and for people with disabilities. The training venue has step-free access and an accessible toilet.

Short courses

Music production and **DJ performance**: practical studio courses with a Q-Note certificate of completion. **They are not accredited and do not carry NQF credits.** Entry: Grade 9 or higher. Dates and fees are not yet scheduled; register your interest online.

Verify our accreditation

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