

12. What is a registered assessor and how do I become one?

Registered assessors are licensed to practise as assessors for specified unit standards and/or qualifications, according to the conditions prescribed for those unit standards and qualifications by the relevant quality assurance body.

Educators and trainers undertake training or RPL to get the generic assessor unit standard, 'Conduct outcomes-based assessment' (115753). This unit standard is endorsed by the ETDP SETA, which issues statements of achievement. The practitioners will then register with the relevant SETA to become an assessor in their area of expertise. All SETAs must demand evidence of the achievement of the generic unit standard, and most SETAs require evidence of subject matter expertise in the relevant area. Most SETAs also ask registered assessors to sign a code of conduct. Assessors operate at the learning site, and have their assessment moderated by internal moderators and external verifiers.

The process for becoming a registered moderator or verifier for a SETA follows similar lines.

In the Useful Background Information section of this section you will find the SAQA document 'Criteria and Guidelines for the Registration of Assessors', an example of the process for registration of assessors from the BankSETA, and a list of titles of registered unit standards relating to assessment, moderation and verification.

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