

1. What does the term 'learning programme' cover?

A learning programme is a set of planned learning activities (learning, teaching and assessment) linked to outcomes and satisfying a range of requirements for delivery. Drawing from the SAQA definition, it could be said that a learning programme consists of the following:

- Sequential learning activities linked to outcomes
- A delivery plan that identifies how the learning is to be delivered and how learners will be supported
- An assessment plan including formative and/or summative tasks and a guide for how and when the assessments will take place
- Learning materials and other physical resources/equipment required for the learning activities and tasks
- Trained practitioners and other essential human resources

In terms of this broad description, any course of study with a defined purpose can be described as a learning programme. This would include:

- Learnerships
- Apprenticeships
- Institution-based courses (leading to a qualification, or some other form of certification)
- Skills programmes
- Short courses.

You will find more information on these types of programmes if you go to the Learnership Page on this portal.

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