Network Engineering Qualifications

Certificate in Network Engineering Level 4
Diploma in Network Engineering Level 5
Diploma in Network Engineering Level 6
Bachelor of Technology in Network Engineering

Qualifications Guide

First Teaching from January 2021
First Certification from 2022
The National Institute of Technology (NIT) programs are increasingly emerging as valued, respected and effective applied learning brand, engaging students in practical, interpersonal and thinking skills.

The National Institute of Technology (NIT) programs are work-related qualifications for students taking their first steps into employment or those already in employment and seeking career development opportunities. The National Institute of Technology (NIT) programs provide progression into the workplace either directly or via study at any higher education institution or university and are also designed to meet employer’s needs. The National Institute of Technology (NIT) programs are therefore widely recognized by industry and higher education as the principal technical professional qualifications starting from Levels 4.

A word to Prospective Students

The new NIT programs are all very demanding, as you would expect of an innovative, dynamic, futurist and respected applied higher education institution. You will have to complete a range of units, be organized, and take all the assessments (assignments, projects, tests and examinations) that we will set and mark, and keep a portfolio of your assignments as evidences of your work. We are confident that after a great deal of time, efforts and all other resources you will be expected to put into your studies, you can feel proud to achieve the NIT qualification because, whatever your plans in life: whether you want to start and successfully run your own business, enter into a formal employment or you decide to study further, your NIT qualification will be your passport to success (to take you where you want to be) in the next stage of your life.

Good luck, and we hope you enjoy your course.
Specialized course unit for the development of unique skills and Teaching and Learning Resources

The NIT Qualifications in Network Engineering are made of:
- A mixture of unique specialist integrated range of units, qualifications sizes, each with a clear purpose, so there is something to suit each student’s choice of study programme and progression plans
- Refreshed content that fully supports self-employment (entrepreneurship) and is closely aligned with employers’ and higher education needs for a skilled future workforce
- A combination of assignments and projects assessments methods are used to help students to gain and retain knowledge and skills as they progress to the next stage.

The NIT programs are applied in nature hence at your completion of the program, you will:
(A) Be empowered with the following critical but yet very uncommon skills in the modern humanity:
- Cognitive and problem-solving skills: critical thinking, approaching non-routine problems by applying expert and creative solutions, use of systems and digital technology, generating and communicating ideas creatively.
- Intrapersonal skills: self-management, adaptability and resilience, self-monitoring and self-development, self-analysis and reflection, planning and prioritizing.
- Interpersonal skills: effective communication and articulation of information, working collaboratively, negotiating and influencing, self-presentation.
(B) Gain technical-related education and training which is essential if you are intending to work, or already work in the entry levels or operations role within the Network Engineering industry
(C) Have an opportunity to the job market needed qualification in Network Engineering and progress either into employment or progress to do further studies.
(D) Develop your own personal growth and engagement in learning through the development of Personal, Learning and Thinking Skills (PLTS)
(E) Have your existing skills recognized

Certificate in Network Engineering (Level 4)

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Admission Requirements

The Certificate in Network Engineering has been designed on the assumption that it is available, without artificial barriers which restrict access and progression, to everyone who can achieve the required standard.

The entry to this qualification shall be based on:

(A) Minimum requirement of twenty (20) points in grade 12 (now grade 11) in six (6) subjects with an E or better symbol in English. English shall be part of the six (6) subjects you must have completed.

(B) A recognized qualification at NQF level 3 or equivalent

(C) Mature age entry is acceptable if applicant:
   a. Is 23 years old or over at the time of making the application
   b. Has at least five (5) years’ work experience in a related field
   c. Has at least passed grade 10 which must include E in English
   d. Provides acceptable reference from the employer. Self-employed applicants must provide recommendation letter from Municipal Authorities under which their businesses operate.
Specialized course unit for the development of Unique Skills and Teaching Learning Resources

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**Admission Requirements**

**Diploma in Network Engineering (Level 5)**

Applicants must meet any of the following requirements:

(A) Minimum requirement of twenty-two (22) points in grade 12 (now grade 11) in six (6) subjects with an E or better symbol in English. English shall be part of the six (6) subjects you have completed.

(B) A recognized qualification at NQF level 4 or equivalent

(C) Mature age entry is acceptable if applicant:
   a. Is 25 years old or over at the time of making the application
   b. Has at least five (5) years’ work experience in a related field
   c. Has at least passed grade 10 which must include E in English
   d. Passes NIT (Level 4) equivalent Aptitude Test

(D) Provide acceptable reference from the employer. Self-employed applicants must provide recommendation letter from Municipal Authorities under which their businesses operate.

**Diploma in Network Engineering (Level 6)**

Applicants must meet any of the following requirements:

(A) Minimum requirement of twenty-five (25) points in grade 12 (now grade 11) in five (5) subjects with an E or better symbol in English. English shall be part of the five (5) subjects you have completed.

(B) A recognized qualification at NQF level 5 or equivalent

(C) Mature age entry is acceptable if applicant:
   a. Is 25 years old or over at the time of making the application
   b. Has at least six (6) years’ work experience in a related field
   c. Has at least passed grade 10 which must include E in English and at least three (3) subjects at grade 12
   d. Provide acceptable reference from the employer. Self-employed applicants must provide recommendation letter from Municipal Authorities under which their businesses operate.

**Diploma in Network Engineering (Level 7)**

Applicants must meet any of the following requirements:

(A) Minimum requirement of twenty-five (25) points in grade 12 (now grade 11) in five (5) subjects with an E or better symbol in English. English shall be part of the five (5) subjects you have completed.

(B) A recognized qualification at NQF level 6 or equivalent

(C) Mature age entry is acceptable if applicant:
   a. Is 25 years old or over at the time of making the application
   b. Has at least five (5) years’ work experience in a related field
   c. Has at least passed grade 10 which must include E in English and at least three (3) subjects at grade 12
   d. Provide acceptable reference from the employer. Self-employed applicants must provide recommendation letter from Municipal Authorities under which their businesses operate.

**Teaching and Learning Resources**

We have a wealth of teaching and learning resources and support to ensure that tutors and students have the best possible experience during their course. In addition to our Resources Centre, Min Engineering Laboratory, Computer Laboratory and a wealth of study manuals and books which students and lecturers can easily access from our e-Library, we have an understanding with the Engineering Lab, Namibia University of Technology (NUST) for NIT Engineering and IT students to use their facilities.
## Progression and Articulation Opportunities and Rules

### Certificate in Network Engineering (Level 4)

**Progression Opportunities and Rules**
Upon successful completion of all the units or 80% of the units of the Certificate in Network Engineering (Level 4), students can progress to the Diploma in Network Engineering (Level 5). No students will, however, be allowed to graduate with Certificate in Network Engineering (Level 4) without first completing the outstanding units at that level. No direct progression will be allowed from Certificate in Network Engineering (Level 4) to Diploma in Network Engineering (Level 6).

**Articulation Opportunities and Rules**
The credit transfers from other programs offered by other institutions or other NIT programs will be dealt with according to NIT rules and regulations on Recognition of Prior Learning. Provided that an applicant has qualification accredited by NQA and verifiable through the NQF, the NIT rules provide for course by course credits as well as credit transfer by volume under certain conditions. Maximum credits that can be granted from non-technical (hands-on) programs are 15% of the credits for a qualification. Maximum credits that can be granted from the technical (hands-on) programs of similar standards with those of NIT are 50% of the credits for a qualification.

### Diploma in Network Engineering (Level 5)

**Progression Opportunities and Rules**
Upon successful completion of all the units or 80% of the units of the Diploma in Network Engineering (Level 5), students can progress to the Diploma in Network Engineering (Level 6). No students will, however, be allowed to graduate with Diploma in Network Engineering (Level 5) without first completing the outstanding units at that level. No direct progression will be allowed from Diploma in Network Engineering (Level 5) to the Bachelor of Technology in Network Engineering.

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### Diploma in Network Engineering (Level 6)

**Progression Opportunities and Rules**
Upon successful completion of all the units or 80% of the units of the Diploma in Network Engineering (Level 6), students can progress to the Bachelor of Technology in Network Engineering. No students will, however, be allowed to graduate with Diploma in Network Engineering (Level 6) without first completing the outstanding units at that level.

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### Bachelor of Technology in Network Engineering

**Progression Opportunities and Rules**
Upon successful completion of all the units or 80% of the units of the Diploma in Network Engineering (Level 6), students can progress to the Bachelor of Technology in Network Engineering. No students will, however, be allowed to graduate with Diploma in Network Engineering (Level 6) without first completing the outstanding units at that level.

**Articulation Opportunities and Rules**
Course articulation is the process by which one institution matches its courses or requirements to coursework completed at another institution. Students use course articulation for assurance that the completed courses are not repeated at the institution to which they are transferring.

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Teaching and Learning Methods and Assessments Strategies

Mode of Delivery

Our modes of delivery/study are flexible to suit time schedules of everyone. These are:

- Full-Time
- Part-Time (Evening)
- Distance
- Online/E-learning
- Blended (Mixture with E-Learning, Distance and Weekend Tutorials) learning.

Assessments Strategies

The NIT programs are assessed using a combination of:

a. Informal Assessments
b. Formal Assessments

Informal assessments are conducted by lecturers on each covered component of the unit outcome to weigh knowledge created into his/her students in order that necessary teaching practices adjustments can be made as appropriate.

Formal Assessments are further classified into two parts:

1. Formal Continuous Assessments which comprise of:
   a) Main Test
   b) Integrated Project

2. Formal Final Assessments which comprise of:
   a) Examination
   b) Assignments

Assessments Rules

Formal Continuous Assessments

- In order to pass any assessment, student must achieve a pass mark of 60% or more.
- A student who fails to attain a mark of 60% in the main test will be allowed to take a supplementary test on the official set Assessments (Tests) Dates.
- A student who fails to attain a mark of 60% in the integrated project will be given resubmission opportunity within two (2) weeks from the date of the official release of continuous assessments results.
- Students wishing to take supplementary test or to resubmit the integrated project must complete a formal application within one week from the date of official release of results.

Formal Final Assessments

- Each module is assessed through a practical based assignment.
- The assignment brief is issued to each student at the start of the module and the final work with evidences are presented to the assessments committee as per dates set in the NIT Assessments Plan.
- Practical, career focused, and industry relevance features are embedded throughout each assignment to compel students/students to independently work with their own minds and hands to prepare the required evidences which must support their work and present them to the Assessments Committee.
- In order to pass any test, the student must achieve a pass mark of 60% or more.
- A student who fails to attain a mark of 60% in any examination will be allowed to take a supplementary examination on the official set Assessments (examinations) Dates.
- A student who fails to attain a mark of 60% in the integrated assignment will be given re-submission opportunity within three (3) weeks from the date of the official release of final assessments results.
- Students wishing to take supplementary examination or to resubmit the assignment must complete a formal application within one week from the date of official release of results.

When does each Semester (Intake) Start

The following are two (2) annual teaching and learning intakes for students to register to study on this program at NIT:

- February – June
- July – November

Applications must be made in-time to avoid late registration fees and to be disappointed if spaces are allocated to earlier applicants.

Teaching and Learning Methods

The NIT tutors/lecturers are equipped with various traditional teaching methods which are all used to create and develop Vibrant, Skilled, Competent and Work-prepared Entrepreneurial Technicians, Technologists and Professionals. The teaching and learning practices involve 70% practical and 30% theory methodologies by applying a wide range of following action learning techniques:

- Lectures/Instructor-led Teaching Methods
- Workshops/ Practical (hands-on) Demonstration
- Tutorials/ Action Learning Set
- Work-based Learning: Work Experience, Professional Practice, Job Attachments, Volunteered Work
- Invited Industry Guest Lecturers/Tutors
- Experimental Learning
- Online: Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)
- Blended learning

Withdrawal/Cancellation

Any cancellations/withdraw or refunds are executed in accordance with the institutional policies. For more details, refer to the Students Registration Agreement and the Withdrawal Policy.
Frequent Asked Questions (FAQs)

**How will I be assessed?**
- You will be expected to take continuous assessments and final assessment.
- Continuous Assessments comprise of one Test and an Integrated Project. A test contributes 30% to the overall average semester mark. The integrated project contributes 70% to the overall semester mark.
- The passing rate per assessment is 60%.
- You will not qualify for final examinations if you get 59% or less in the Semester assessment.
- Main Final Assessments comprise of an examination and an assignment per each unit. An examination contributes 30% to the overall average semester mark. Assignment contributes 70% to the overall final mark.

**Is job attachment mandatory for all the qualifications?**
No, job attachment or Professional practice is only mandatory for Levels 6 and 7. However, it is expected that students doing levels 4 and 5 must have good exposure to workplaces.

**Are there any organizations which provide financial support to NIT students?**
Yes, there various Namibian and International organizations which sponsor the NIT students while some get financial support from their employers and Namibia Students Financial Assistant Fund (NSFAF). These include Bank of Namibia, Social Security Commission, GIPF, Telecom Namibia, MTC, Ministries, and many others.

**What is the duration of each qualifications level?**
Each qualification level is taken over a two-semester period which run from February to June and July to November each year.

**Does NIT assist international students to apply for Study Permits?**
Yes, our Students Affairs Department is responsible for assisting international students who wish to study at NIT provided that study permit applicants have all requirement as stipulated and required by the Namibian Immigration Control Act, Act No 7 of 1993.

**Can I pay my tuition fees in instalments?**
- Yes, Namibian students may pay 20% upfront deposit together with application/registration fee. 80% balance if paid in equal instalments over a period of eight (8) months.
- There are no instalments payments for international students. 100% upfront payment of tuition fees is required prior to commencement of studies.
- All payments must be deposited in NIT’s bank account. You must always use your Student Number as reference when making payment.
- No payment must be made in cash as NIT does not receive cash payments.

**Where can I find more information about my studies, attendance of teaching and learning sessions, assessments, etc.?**
Please make use of the Qualification Specification, Students Rules and Regulations, Students Notices and feel free to contact your Campus Call Centre and Administration or the Students Affairs in the Office of the Registrar.
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