



CERTIFICATE OF EVALUATION

JOE BLOGGS

Serial number
594870

Qualification (1):
Awarding body / institution:
Date of completion / award:

Bachelor of Science (Honours) (Agricultural Engineering)
University of Zimbabwe
2005

Closest comparable South African
qualification / qualification type:
Organising Field:
Sub-framework location:
NQF Level:
Credits:

Bachelor of Engineering: Agricultural Engineering
Agriculture and Nature Conservation
Higher Education Qualifications Sub-framework
8
130

Qualification (2):
Awarding body / institution:
Date of completion / award:

Master of Science (Manufacturing Systems and Operations Management)
University of Zimbabwe
2007

MacBook Pro

THE SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY
SAQA Certificate of Evaluation (SCoE) goes digital



Who gives SAQA the mandate to evaluate foreign qualifications?

The National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Act 67 of 2008 gives the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) the mandate to provide an evaluation and advisory service for foreign qualifications consistent with the Act.

Why does SAQA evaluate foreign qualifications?

- To find out if the qualifications are genuine
- To locate the qualifications within the South African NQF
- To help the Department of Home Affairs when processing visas for work and study purposes
- To help address scarce and critical skills needs of South Africa
- To support Professional Bodies' registration and professional licensing processes
- To assist learning and related institutions when it comes to admission of foreign qualification holders

Why go digital with the SAQA Certificate of Evaluation?

SAQA will be issuing a digital Certificate of Evaluation along with the paper-based certificate to learners who've had their foreign qualifications evaluated as part of a one-year pilot project.

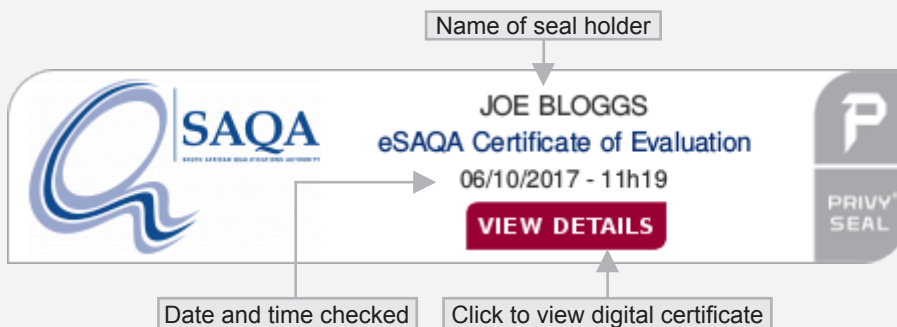
This is for three reasons:



- To help learners by reducing the time in getting the outcome of the evaluation
- To make it easier and quicker for learners to apply for further study, visas and employment
- To reduce fraud

Holders of valid foreign qualifications will be issued with digital Seals and hyperlinked digital Certificates confirming the information on their paper-based certificates. SAQA is launching this one-year pilot project with PrivySeal, a company that provides a secure system to issue verified digital seals and certificates.

What does the digital Seal look like?



How secure are the digital Seals and Certificates?

The digital Seal and Certificate make use of a secure link to the SAQA database where all evaluation outcomes are stored and confirmed.

Just as with the paper-based Certificate, the digital Certificate contains:

- The security serial number associated with the paper-based SCoE
- Details of the holder of the Certificate
- Details of the qualification(s) evaluated by SAQA and the recognition decision locating them within the South African NQF

What does the digital Certificate look like?

Name of certificate holder → **JOE BLOGGS**

Linked to paper-based certificate → Serial number: 594870

Holder's qualification details → Bachelor of Science (Honours) (Agricultural Engineering) University of Zimbabwe 2005

Closest comparable qualification, NQF Level and credits → Bachelor of Engineering: Agricultural Engineering Agriculture and Nature Conservation Higher Education Qualifications Sub-framework 8 130

Master of Science (Manufacturing Systems and Operations Management) University of Zimbabwe 2007

Master of Science Manufacturing, Engineering and Technology Higher Education Qualifications Sub-framework 9 240

Real-time confirmation → SAQA confirmed the above information, for digital certification and sharing by PrivySeal Limited (GB), at 12:49 on 06 October 2017.

Click to confirm → P i GET SHARE CONFIRM PrivySeal

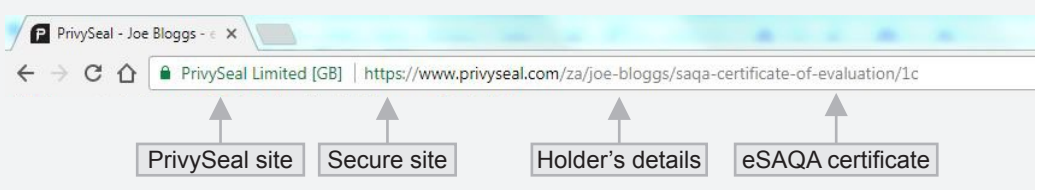
What are the benefits of the Seals and Certificates?

- They enable real-time verification of the holder's qualifications
- Holders can share them as reliable evidence to support applications for further learning, visas, or employment
- They cannot be easily forged and cannot be lost

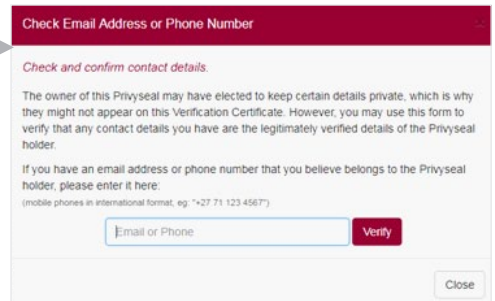
How do you confirm their authenticity?

When you receive these digital Certificates, please check their authenticity by:

1. Ensuring they are displayed on the domain name, PRIVYSEAL.COM and that your browser's address bar shows (in green) a secure site, in the name of "PrivySeal Limited [GB]".



2. Clicking the "Confirm" button at the bottom of the Certificate - this will generate a pop-up window that will allow you to enter the contact details of the holder. If the holder's details match the information that SAQA has verified, then the holder's details will have been confirmed as authentic.

A screenshot of a verification pop-up window. The title bar is red and says "Check Email Address or Phone Number". Below the title bar, the text reads "Check and confirm contact details." followed by "The owner of this PrivySeal may have elected to keep certain details private, which is why they might not appear on this Verification Certificate. However, you may use this form to verify that any contact details you have are the legitimately verified details of the PrivySeal holder." Below this, it says "If you have an email address or phone number that you believe belongs to the PrivySeal holder, please enter it here:" followed by a small note "(mobile phones in international format, eg. '+27 71 123 4567')". There is a text input field labeled "Email or Phone" and a red "Verify" button. A "Close" button is in the bottom right corner.

The purpose of this one-year pilot is to:



- Improve our service to learners and stakeholders
- Ensure that we move in line with international developments in terms of digitisation
- Obtain feedback from learners and stakeholders on the effectiveness of the digital Seals and Certificates

What should you do?

The digital Seals and Certificates are meant to enhance the movement of learners and sharing of knowledge and skills. The introduction of the digital Seals and Certificates may also bring about changes in how stakeholders implement their policies and processes. It is for these reasons that SAQA requests stakeholders and recipients of the digital Seals and Certificates to share their experiences and ideas with us in order to help us move into the digital era. You can give us feedback on the details below.