

DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT SCIENCES: HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT



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Diploma in Management Sciences: Human Resources Management

NQF Level: 6

SAQA ID: 94830

**Qualification Code: DIMHRI (DBN)
DIMHMI (PMB)**

**Location: ML Sultan Campus (Mariam Bee: Ground Floor) Durban -
Riverside Campus (Pietermaritzburg)**

Description of the Programme

The function of a Human Resources Manager varies according to the size and type of company for which he/she works, but essentially, he/she plans and executes policies relating to all phases of personnel activity. As labour costs represent the single greatest cost in any organization it is, important that every effort be made to make the best use of every employee and ensure optimum productivity through correct selection, training and promotion. It is the Human Resources Manager's function to provide his/her employer with a highly trained, well-motivated worker and to ensure that the employee has the best use made of his/her talents and potential.

The activities of the Human Resources Officer/Manager may include some or all of the following:

- Recruiting, selecting and placement of new staff.
- inducting and training staff
- communicating between management and the workers
- devising remuneration scales and policy
- promotion of better staff relations
- keeping records of employees
- job analysis and evaluation
- handling grievances and industrial relations
- advising senior management on labour policies
- improving motivation and morale

In performing the above functions, the Human Resources Manager provides a specialized service to assist other management team members to make the most effective use of the human resources in an organization.

Personal Qualities Required

The Human Resources Manager should be a self-organised person who is sensitive to the needs of others and who has the ability to communicate and interrelate with them while viewing their problems objectively. Integrity, patience, sound human relations, good reasoning abilities and leadership qualities are important. He/she must show initiative and be decisive in thought and action.

Duration

Three years full-time or part-time

Career Opportunities

The personnel field is a rapidly developing field in South Africa. It is recognized that a well- trained and highly motivated labour force is becoming increasing in order to improve productivity. Entrants to Human Resources Management are usually known as Personnel Officers and become managers after gaining experience. They may remain in the general personnel field or specialize in specific aspects of personnel management, training or industrial relations.

This diploma will be useful to people who operationalise some aspects of the core processes and practices at a basic level across the four role clusters in human resources management and practices:

- Strategic planning for human resources management practices
- Acquisition, development and utilisation of people
- Establishment and improvement of labour and employee relations
- Compensation and administration related to human resources management and practices.

Holders of the qualification will be able to operationalise some aspects of the core human resources management processes at a basic level and ingrate them into an organisation's business processes.

Explanation of Points scale

| SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| SYMBOL | HIGHER GRADE | STANDARD GRADE |
| A | 8 | 6 |
| B | 7 | 5 |
| C | 6 | 4 |
| D | 5 | 3 |
| E | 4 | 2 |
| F | 3 | 1 |

| NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------|
| % | NSC LEVEL | POINTS |
| 90-100 | 7 | 8 |
| 80-89% | 7 | 7 |
| 70-79% | 6 | 6 |
| 60-69% | 5 | 5 |
| 50-59% | 4 | 4 |
| 40-49% | 3 | 3 |
| 30-39% | 2 | 2 |
| 20-29% | 1 | 1 |

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A person will only be considered for registration for an instructional programme approved by the Institution's Senate if the person complies with:

- The minimum admission requirements stated in DUT general handbook (refer to DUT website for general handbook).
- Institutional faculty, departmental and/or instructional programme specific rules; and

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS SUB-FRAMEWORK (HEQSF)

G7 rule: For Diploma:

“a National Senior Certificate (NSC) as certified by the Council for General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi), with a minimum of achievement rating of 3 for English and a minimum achievement rating of 3 in four recognised NSC 20-credit subjects.”

Entry Requirements (Diploma in Management Sciences: Human Resources Management)

| NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) (01 January 2009) | | SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) (PRE 2009) | NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VOCATIONAL) (NCV) | |
|--|-----------------|--|---|------|
| NSC Diploma Entry. A minimum of 25 points excluding Life Orientation will be considered. | | A Senior Certificate or equivalent qualification | (NCV) (Level 4) | |
| Compulsory Subjects | NSC Rating Code | | Compulsory Subjects | Mark |
| English (home) OR | 3 | | English | 50% |
| English (1st additional) | 4 | | Two fundamental subjects | 50% |
| Mathematics OR | 3 | | | |
| Mathematics Literacy | 4 | | | |
| And TWO 20 credit subjects (not more than 1 language) | 3 | Applicant with 20 or more points will be considered. | Three compulsory vocational subjects | 60% |
| In addition: ONE recognized NSC 20 credit subjects as per G7 rule stated above | 3 | | | |

Selection criteria for this programme

Applicants must meet the minimum requirements mentioned above. NSC, SC and NCV applications received via the Central Applications Office (CAO) will be scored and ranked from highest to lowest points. Based on these rankings, those learners with the highest points will be offered a firm place; the learners who have applied with their grade 12 June/Trial results may be offered a conditional place subject to them meeting the requirements mentioned above. Preference will be given to learners from designated groups.

NB: If the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the department reserves the right to apply a ranking system to select students.

OR

Admission Requirement Based Upon Work Experience, Age and Maturity

For admission to entry-level diploma and certificate studies:

A person may, subject to such requirements as the Senate may determine, be admitted to the Institution even if such a person is not in a possession of a National Senior Certificate, Senior Certificate or an equivalent certificate, provided that:

- The person shall have reached the age of 23 in the first year of registration and shall have at least:
 - three years' appropriate work experience; and/or
 - capacity for the proposed instructional programme, which shall be assessed at the discretion of the respective Head of Department by a

Senate approved admission assessment comprising of a DUT Standardised Assessment Test for Access and Placement (SATAP), Academic Literacies (AI) & English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and/or an appropriate subject or programme specific written assessment designed and marked by the relevant Department; and

- The relevant Faculty Board shall be satisfied that the person is standard of communication skills, ability to study successfully and/or work experience are such that the person, in the opinion of the relevant Faculty Board, should be able to complete the proposed instructional programme successfully. If required, the communication skills and study skills should be tested; and

- The person's application for admission in terms of work experience, age and maturity is approved prior to registration.

Applicants intending to gain admission through work experience, age and maturity must submit their applications at least four months before commencement of the academic year inclusive of the date of scheduling writing a requisite eligibility assessment.

Tuition Fees

To assist you with your planning, the 2025 fees have been indicated.

Please Note: DUT cannot be held liable for the fees in this brochure as the 2026 fees are not yet final.

| First Year Curriculum | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Name of Module | Module Code | HEQSF Level | SAQA Credits | 2025 Fees |
| Semester One | | | | |
| Cornerstone | CSTN101 | 5 | 12 | R3 910.00 |
| Environmental Sustainability | EVST101 | 5 | 8 | R2 430.00 |
| Introduction to Business Law | IBNL101 | 5 | 16 | R4 870.00 |
| Introduction to Business | IBSI101 | 5 | 16 | R4 870.00 |
| Quantitative approaches to Management | QAPM101 | 5 | 8 | R2 430.00 |
| Total | | | | R18 510.00 |
| Semester Two | | | | |
| Time & Stress Management | TASM101 | 5 | 8 | R2 430.00 |
| Law for Life | LWLF101 | 5 | 8 | R2 430.00 |
| Business Communication & Info Literacy | BCIF101 | 5 | 16 | R5 750.00 |
| Financial Literacy | FNLT101 | 5 | 12 | R3 620.00 |
| Academic Literacy & Practice | ALWR101 | 5 | 16 | R4 870.00 |
| Total | | | | R19 100.00 |
| Total Credits for Semester 1 & 2 | | | 120 | |
| Second Year Curriculum | | | | |
| Semester Three | | | | |
| Business Management I | BMNG101 | 6 | 16 | R3 730.00 |
| Management of Training I | MTRN101 | 6 | 16 | R3 730.00 |
| Personnel Management I | PNLM101 | 6 | 16 | R3 730.00 |
| Introduction to Technology | ITLG101 | 6 | 12 | R3 620.00 |
| Total | | | | R14 810.00 |
| Semester Four | | | | |
| Personnel Management II | PNLM201 | 6 | 16 | R3 730.00 |
| Labour Relations I | LBRR101 | 6 | 12 | R3 730.00 |
| Business Management II | BMNG201 | 6 | 16 | R3 730.00 |
| Project Management | PRMM101 | 6 | 16 | R3 730.00 |
| Work Preparedness | WKPR101 | 6 | 8 | R2 430.00 |
| Total | | | | R17 350.00 |
| Total Credits for Semester 3 & 4 | | | 128 | |
| Third Year Curriculum | | | | |
| Semester Five | | | | |
| Business Management III | BMNG301 | 6 | 16 | R4 110.00 |
| Management of Training II | MTRN201 | 6 | 16 | R4 110.00 |
| Personnel Management III | PNLM301 | 6 | 16 | R4 110.00 |
| Labour Relations II | LBRR201 | 6 | 16 | R4 110.00 |
| Total | | | | R16 440.00 |
| Semester Six | | | | |
| Applied project management | APPM101 | 6 | 16 | R4 110.00 |
| Workplace practice | WKPP101 | 6 | 12 | R4 110.00 |
| Human resources management presentation | HRMP101 | 6 | 16 | R4 110.00 |
| Talent portfolio management | TPFM101 | 6 | 16 | R4 110.00 |
| Total | | | | R16 440.00 |
| Total Credits for Semester 5 & 6 | | | 124 | |

Application

Applicants who wish to enrol for the programme/s must apply through the CAO system by no later than 30 September of the previous year.

For CAO Online Application visit: <http://www.cao.ac.za>

Address letters to:

Central Applications Office,
Private Bag X06
Dalbridge,
4014

Tel: (031) 2684444

Fax: (031) 2684422

OR

C.A.O. Codes

DBN: Diploma: **DU-D-HR3 (Full-time)**

DBN: Diploma: **DU-D-HRY (Part-time)**

PMB: Diploma: **DU-P-HR3 (Full-time)**

Closing Date for Applications: 30 September 2025

For Further Information

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Scottsville, 3209
Tel: (033) 845 8851

Financial Aid

For Financial Aid application for a DUT programme please apply online at www.nsfas.org.za or call the NSFAS call centre on 0860 067 327.

Please note that completing a form does not guarantee Financial Aid. For further assistance, please consult the Department of Financial Aid and Scholarships on telephone number (031) 373 2931/2557/2054.