



NQF Level 3 | AgriSETA

Fruit Packaging & Grading Processes

Specialised qualification in fruit packaging and grading processes. Master the practical skills to excel in receiving, handling, packing, storing, grading, and dispatching of fruits for the industry.

120
Credits

12
Months

NQF 3
Level



Qualification Overview

This qualification equips learners with practical skills to excel in broad fruit packaging and grading processes and practices. The qualification is designed to

release the potential of people to become more competent workers, adding value to individuals, workplaces, and the economy through comprehensive training in fruit handling operations.

This qualification has been benchmarked against similar qualifications in New Zealand and Australia and allows recognition of prior learning (RPL). It provides both vertical and horizontal articulation possibilities and addresses Department of Labour priorities for reducing unemployment in the agricultural processing sector.

Entry Level Requirements

- Competence in languages, communication & numeracy at NQF Level 2

Key Objectives

- ✓ Developing competence in receiving, handling, packing, storing, grading, and dispatching fruits
- ✓ Understanding the basic requirements of different fruit markets and product characteristics
- ✓ Learning mathematical literacy for measurement, calculations, geometry, and financial monitoring
- ✓ Building communication skills for oral communication, text interpretation, and writing for various contexts
- ✓ Understanding fruit packing and grading processes including market requirements, product characteristics, and cold chain processes
- ✓ Operating fruit packing line machines and fruit sizing machines
- ✓ Implementing proper fruit handling procedures including grading, packing, palletizing, dispatching, receiving, and storing
- ✓ Applying hygiene procedures and safety and health procedures in fruit processing environments
- ✓ Monitoring fruit treatment processes and ensuring quality control

Learning Modules

Module 1: Mathematical Literacy

- Demonstrate an understanding of the use of different number bases and measurement units and an awareness of error in the context of relevant calculations
- Describe, apply, analyse and calculate shape and motion in 2-and 3-dimensional space in different contexts
- Investigate life and work-related problems using data and probabilities
- Use mathematics to investigate and monitor the financial aspects of personal, business and national issues

Module 2: Communication

- Accommodate audience and context needs in oral communication
- Interpret and use information from texts
- Use language and communication in occupational learning programmes
- Write texts for a range of communicative contexts

Module 3: Understanding The Processes

- Demonstrate an understanding of the basic requirements of different fruit markets
- Explain product characteristics
- Explain the cold chain process
- Monitor fruit treatment process

Module 4: Fruit Packing and Grading Machinery

- Operate the fruit packing line machine
- Operate the fruit sizing machine

Module 5: Handling the Fruit

- Grade fruit
- Pack fruit
- Palletise fruit
- Dispatch final product
- Receive fruit
- Store fruit

Module 6: Hygiene Procedures

- Apply hygiene procedures
- Apply safety and health procedures

Minimum Requirements

- ✓ Grade 10 Certificate
- ✓ or ABET Level 4

Qualification Details

SETA **AgriSETA**

NQF Level **Level 3**

Credits **120 Credits**

Duration **12 Months**

SAQA ID **48848**

Last Day of Enrollment: **30 June 2028**

[Open SAQA Info in New Tab](#)

[↓ Open this Overview in PDF](#)

Career Opportunities

- ✔ Packer and Grader in fruit processing facilities
- ✔ Packing and Grading Supervisor overseeing operations
- ✔ Packing and Grading Team Leader coordinating teams
- ✔ Packing and Grading Manager managing facilities
- ✔ Quality Control Inspector in fruit processing
- ✔ Fruit Processing Technician
- ✔ Cold Chain Operations Specialist

Career Progression

- Advancement to supervisory and management positions
- Development of specialised skills in quality control
- Horizontal movement to related agricultural processing fields
- Recognition of prior learning and practical experience

Related Qualifications

Explore other AgriSETA qualifications



NQF Level 3

Plant Production



NQF Level 2

Plant Production



NQF Level 2

Mixed Farming

Excel in Fruit Industry Operations

Master specialised fruit packaging and grading skills and become industry-ready for the competitive fruit export market.

[Contact Us](#)



SpecCon Holdings

Accredited Training Solutions

Empowering individuals and organisations through high-quality, accredited education and training solutions.

Our Solutions

POPIA, PAIA & CPA Solutions

B-BBEE Solutions

Skills Development Solutions

Employment Equity Solutions

Quick Links

[Why Choose Us](#)

[Qualifications](#)

[Accreditations](#)

Contact Us

Phone: 012 667 4962

Email: help@speccon.co.za