

South African Qualifications Authority Verification of National Qualifications Fee Structure

Notice of tariff amendments 2026/27 and 2027/28

SAQA verifies national qualifications for clients with a contractual agreement and Individuals who require a verification letter. The verification is done at various tariffs that may be amended annually.

The SAQA Board approved the amendment of tariffs for the 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years on 25 October 2025. The revised tariffs* are implemented from 1 April 2026.

Type of verification	Service level		Fieldwork	2026/27	2027/28
Senior Certificate - pre-1992 (Archived documents)	Individual record	Extra Up to 2 working days	Fieldwork required	R287	R299
		Special 3 to 5 working days		R211	R220
		Standard 6 to 25 working days		R177	R184
		If record not found	Fieldwork required	R82	R85
		Previous verification of record available on NLRD for DPSCA clients	Electronic	R0	R0
Senior certificate after 1992	Individual record	Extra Up to 2 working days	Electronic / fieldwork	R116	R121
		Special 3 to 5 working days		R105	R109
		Standard 6 to 25 working days		R 93	R96
		If record not found	Fieldwork	R82	R85
		Previous verification of record available on NLRD for DPSCA clients	Electronic	R0,00	R0,00
Tertiary qualification	Individual record	Extra Up to 2 working days	No fieldwork	R655	R681
			Fieldwork	R1043	R1085
		Special 3 to 5 working days	No fieldwork	R328	R340
			Fieldwork	R842	R876

Tertiary qualification	Individual record	Standard 6 to 25 working days	No fieldwork	R168	R175
			Fieldwork	R526	R547
		If record not found	Fieldwork	R82	R85
		Previous verification of record available on NLRD for DPSA clients	Electronic	R0,00	R0,00
Bulk	At least 125 records per submission	Standard 6 to 25 working days	Electronic/ No Fieldwork	R7 311 minimum and after that R55 per record submitted	R7 604 minimum and after that R56 per record submitted
Application Programming Interface (API) submission. (Cost of API for the client)	API Bulk interface	3 to 5 working days Implemented and developed on request – client engagement is required with SAQA	Electronic/ No Fieldwork	R3 512 minimum per 2 Interface (API) submission	R3 653 minimum per 2 Interface (API) submission
Cabinet letters	Any qualification	Urgent Extra Up to 1 day	Fieldwork	R2 593	R2 696
		Special 2 to 5 working days	Fieldwork	R843	R877
		Standard 6 to 25 working days	Fieldwork	R713	R742
The extract from the NLRD	The extract from the NLRD	Standard 6 to 5 working days	No Fieldwork	No Charge	No Charge
Verifications letter	Verifications of qualifications in a SAQA letter	Standard 6 to 25 working days	Fieldwork	R713 per verification letter	R742 per verification letter
	Confirmation/ re-issue if SAQA issued the letter	Standard 6 to 25 working days	Fieldwork	R116 per letter	R121 per letter
Part-qualification per record	Individual part- qualification	Extra	Electronic method	R58	R61
			Fieldwork	R93	R96
	Individual part-qualification	Special	Electronic method	R41	R42
			Fieldwork	R64	R67

Part-qualification per record	Individual part-qualification	Standard 6 to 25 working days	Electronic method	R29	R30
			Fieldwork	R41	R42
	Bulk	Standard 6 to 25 working days Minimum R6000.00 for first 150 records	Electronic method / No fieldwork	Minimum R7 023 for first 150 records then R19 each per record found	Minimum R7 304 for first 150 records then R20 each per record found

NATIONAL VERIFICATIONS APPEALS

Appeals	Service level		Fieldwork	2026/27	2027/28
Motivated request for review of a verification result Non-refundable fee	Individual part-qualification	Standard 6 to 25 working days	Fieldwork	R409 per record	R425 per record
Request for an appeal against a verification decision after a review was made Non-refundable fee		30 working days	Fieldwork	R1 230 per record	R1 280 per record

Notes - National qualifications

1. Quoting is based on the requested turnaround times, while invoicing will be based on the actual turnaround times.
2. Should a record not be able to be verified within the turnaround time selected by a client due to external delays or dependencies, then the next best turnaround option for fees will be charged.
3. The upper end of the range of days indicated is for the maximum time envisaged for the verification of the record; however, actual times may be shorter.
4. A “record” is one qualification for a person. Thus, if a person has five qualifications, then the client must submit five records for verification and will be charged accordingly.
5. “Timeframe (working days)” refers to the number of working days after all required information is submitted and the application is approved.



6. “Required information” refers to: correct names and national ID numbers; correct qualification and institution information; all school leaving certificates and or any other certificates or consent that SAQA specifically requests.
7. “Fieldwork” refers to the need for research outside the SAQA databases. Whether inside or outside SAQA, “electronic” refers to the situation where it is possible to write programs to find answers, while “manual” refers to the situation where the whole process must be done by a person.
8. A bulk verification consists of 150 or more records of either National Senior certificates or tertiary records submitted at a minimum fee as outlined in the fee structure per submission. A further price as indicated in the fee structure per record found will be applied thereafter. (National Senior Certificate bulk is only undertaken for school leaving certificates 1992 onwards and the correct Umalusi certificate numbers must be included in the submission when available.)
9. This pricing structure relates to qualifications obtained in South Africa from South African accredited institutions. The pricing structure for the evaluation and verification of foreign qualifications is dealt with separately.
10. All Government clients will pay once for the verification of a specific record where after the result will be made available, at no additional charge, to other governmental clients on submission of a request to verify that specific records.
11. Private clients may be required to pay a pro-forma invoice before the verification service will be undertaken.

**Tariffs re determined by the Board and may be reviewed*