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NATIONAL CERTIFICATE

LEVEL 5

IN

PHARMACY DISPENSING

National Certificate Level 5 in Pharmacy Dispensing

1. **Level:** 5
2. **Total Credits:** 200
3. **Review date:** April 2031
4. **Access to qualification**

4.1 Entry Information

SC/GCE 'O' Level or and alternative acceptable at Level 3 of the NQF.

4.2 Recognition of Prior Learning [RPL]

The qualification will not be accessible through Recognition of Prior Learning.

5. Award of Qualification Requirements

Compulsory

All the unit standards listed are required:

Unit No.	Unit Standard Title	Level	Credits
01	Analyse Pharmacy Organisational Structure and Demonstrate the Roles and Responsibilities of a Pharmacy Dispenser	5	7
02	Analyse and Apply Ethical Principles in Pharmacy Practice	5	8
03	Analyse Pharmacy Legislation and Forensic Pharmacy Principles	5	8
04	Apply Effective Record Keeping Procedures in Pharmacy Practice	5	6
05	Apply Computer and Information Technology Skills in Pharmacy Practice	5	5
06	Apply Quality Assurance Principles in Pharmacy Safety and Cleanliness	5	7
07	Analyse Organisational Behaviour and Demonstrate Interpersonal Skills in Pharmacy Practice	5	9
08	Demonstrate Communication and Counselling Skills in Pharmacy Practice	5	6
09	Analyse Drug Safety and Efficacy in Pharmacy Practice	5	9
10	Apply Research Methodology and Statistical Tools in Project Work	5	9

11	Explain Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology of the Human Body	5	15
12	Explain Microbiological Principles Relevant to Pharmacy Practice	5	15
13	Apply Pharmaceutical Calculations in Dispensing Practice	5	9
14	Analyse Pharmaceutical Chemistry Principles in Pharmacy Practice	5	9
15	Apply Pharmaceutics Principles in Pharmaceutical Formulations	5	21
16	Analyse Pharmacological Principles in Clinical Practice	5	21
17	Demonstrate Safe Drug Administration Practices	5	21
18	Apply the Essential Drugs Concept in Pharmacy Practice	5	15
Total Credits			200

6. Purpose

The National Certificate Level 5 in Pharmacy Dispensing is designed to equip learners with the knowledge, skills, and professional competencies required to support the safe and effective dispensing of medications under the supervision of a registered pharmacist. The programme aims to develop competent pharmacy support personnel who can contribute to quality healthcare service delivery within community, hospital, and retail pharmacy settings.

This qualification provides learners with a solid foundation in pharmaceutical principles, including drug classification, dosage forms, prescription interpretation, and medication safety. It also emphasises the importance of ethical practice, patient confidentiality, and adherence to regulatory and legal frameworks governing pharmacy practice.

Graduates of this programme will be able to assist in dispensing prescriptions, manage pharmaceutical stock, provide basic patient guidance on medication use, and maintain accurate records in accordance with established standards. In addition, the qualification fosters communication, customer service, and teamwork skills necessary for working effectively within multidisciplinary healthcare environments.