

What is the IEB?

IEB stands for the Independent Examinations Board, a South African assessment agency that conducts assessment for schooling and adult education. It is accredited by Umalusi for examinations in schooling and adult education. It has also been appointed as the Assessment Quality Partner for the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) for Foundational Learning Competence, a requirement in occupational qualifications at levels 3 and 4 of the NQF. The IEB has a training unit, IEB Assessment in Education and Training, which is accredited by the ETDP SETA.

About the IEB

The IEB is a

- Non Profit Company (NPC) incorporated under the Companies Act
- Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) registered according to the Income Tax Act
- Non-profit Organisation (NPO) registered by Department of Social Development

The history of the organisation dictates to a large extent the ethos and values of the IEB. When the Joint Matriculation Board (JMB), as the only assessment body in South Africa to offer examinations for non-racial schools, relinquished its examination function in 1989, a number of heads at independent schools came together to found the IEB.

The IEB's primary reason for being was to ensure that there was at least one non-racial assessment body at Grade 12 during the time of apartheid to serve progressive schools that stood in opposition to the apartheid policies of the day.

Currently the IEB, whilst still maintaining its independence, strives to become a leader in innovative assessments that are relevant to Southern Africa. The IEB has also established itself as a significant role-player and a key partner to government in building our education system in a democratic South Africa.

Through ongoing research the IEB seeks to find innovative ways that drive good teaching and effective assessment practices at school level by designing assessments that support and improve the quality of teaching and learning in South Africa. Our National Senior Certificate (the Grade 12 school-leaving examination) and Advanced Programme assessments are internationally benchmarked. The IEB NSC is benchmarked at AS level and provides South Africans with a unique qualification that is accepted by universities around the world. The Advanced Programme assessments are benchmarked at A-level that are aimed at the gifted learner.

The IEB is also an active participant in the education debates both here in South Africa and on the international stage.

As an independent assessment body we have the flexibility to create new and imaginative assessments that challenge both teaching practices and the way our learners process information.

We believe that a good educational foundation will provide South Africa with responsible citizens, who are global thinkers, have good ethical practices and strive to support and develop South Africa, and indeed Africa.

What the IEB offers

The IEB offers external assessments in accordance with legislation and the directives of the accreditation bodies with which it works i.e. Umalusi, the QCTO and ETDP SETA. In schooling the key examination is the National Senior Certificate (NSC) written at the end of Grade 12. By law the IEB is only able to offer assessment for the NSC to independent schools.

The IEB also provides additional assessments that complement teaching and learning in schools at other levels. These include:

- International Benchmark Tests, in partnership with the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) in Language (Grades 3 to 10), Mathematics (Grades 3 to 10) and Science (Grades 3 to 8); these are also available in Afrikaans
- Grade 9 Subject Specific Tests: English Home Language, Afrikaans Home Language and Mathematics
- IeBTs in Mathematics and Physical Sciences: Grade 11
- Thinking Skills: Grades 10 and 11
- Core Skills Tests: Grades 6 and 9
- The Primary School Initiative: MATCH Grade 7

The IEB also offers Advanced Programme (AP) subjects in Mathematics, English and Afrikaans. AP English and AP Mathematics have been evaluated by UK NARIC as equivalent to A-Level. The Advanced Programme assessments are offered to independent and state schools.

The IEB offers external assessment across a range of learning areas for adult learners as follows:

- AET Levels 1 to 3
- NQF Level 1
- Foundational Learning Competence: Communications and Mathematical Literacy
- Placement assessments in Communications and Mathematics across all levels

IEB ASSET is the training arm of the IEB. Its role is to support and promote quality teaching and learning through its training courses in best assessment practices.

Who's who at the IEB?

The Executive:

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Estelle Nel: Life Sciences, Accounting, Business Studies, Economics, Consumer Studies, Hospitality Studies, Tourism, Equine Studies, Agricultural Sciences, Agricultural Management Practices, Sports and Exercise Science, GET: Natural Sciences, Economic Management Sciences, One Research Task Option

Peter Ruddock: SA Official languages, Advanced Programme English, Advanced Programme Afrikaans, Visual Arts, Dramatic Arts, Music, Design, Dance, GET: English, Afrikaans, Arts & Culture, Grade 9 Subject Specific Tests (English and Afrikaans Home Language), Grade 9 Core Skills Test

Robyn Mowatt: Life Orientation, History, Geography, Religion Studies, Non-official languages, GET: Human and Social Sciences, Life Orientation. Projects: Accommodations

Helen Sidiropoulos: Mathematics, Advanced Programme Mathematics, Mathematical Literacy, Physical Sciences, Information Technology, Computer Applications Technology, Engineering Graphics and Design, Nautical Science, Maritime Economics, GET: Mathematics, Technology, Grade 9 Subject Specific Tests (Mathematics), Grade 10/11 Thinking Skills Test, Grade 11 IeBTs (Mathematics and Physical Sciences), ACER International Benchmarking Tests Grades 8 to 10

Adult Education and Training:

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