BTEC – THE ALTERNATIVE TO AN ACADEMIC MATRIC – Press Release

Matric Exemption through a vocational route is now a possibility. Higher Education South Africa (HESA) have confirmed that a student can achieve a foreign matric exemption by completing a BTEC National Diploma and English Language International GCSE level (grading A-C). This means that students can qualify for a foreign matric exemption by completing a vocational BTEC, instead of the more traditional academic route.

The 2012 university exemption results saw only 26.6% of matriculants achieving a university exemption. This leaves many students with limited post-school options. The confirmation this week by HESA enables students to follow a vocational curriculum and still qualify for exemption. A BTEC National Diploma is a practical, work related qualification. It equips a student with the skills required within a specific work function. Therefore, once a student completes a BTEC National Diploma and English Language qualification (grading A-C), they will achieve a South African foreign matric exemption, as well as an international Edexcel qualification, in addition to gaining the skills necessary to find a job.

Edexcel, the UK’s leading and largest awarding body awards the BTEC and English qualifications. Edexcel BTEC and Academic qualifications are registered on the Qualifications Credit Framework (QCF) of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Since starting 150 years ago, Edexcel, which is part of the Pearson Group, now has 5 400 centres in over 90 countries worldwide.

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