

• PROGRAMME BROCHURE // QCTO OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATION

Organisational Risk *Practitioner*

Turn risk strategy into daily practice — develop the practitioners who **implement frameworks and keep risk management working.**

SAQA ID 94222 • QCTO accredited • Entry: NQF 5 + a workplace mentor

NQF 6

OCCUPATIONAL CERT

12 months

FLEXIBLE ONLINE

125 credits

ON COMPLETION

6 + EISA

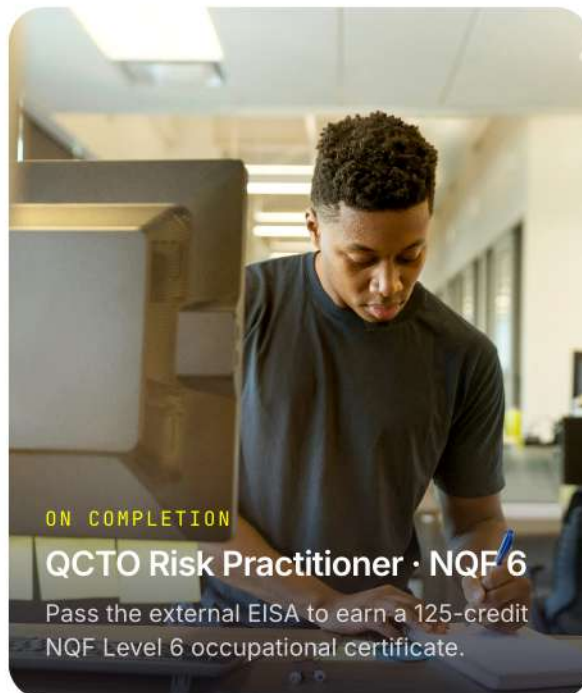
MODULES

• PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

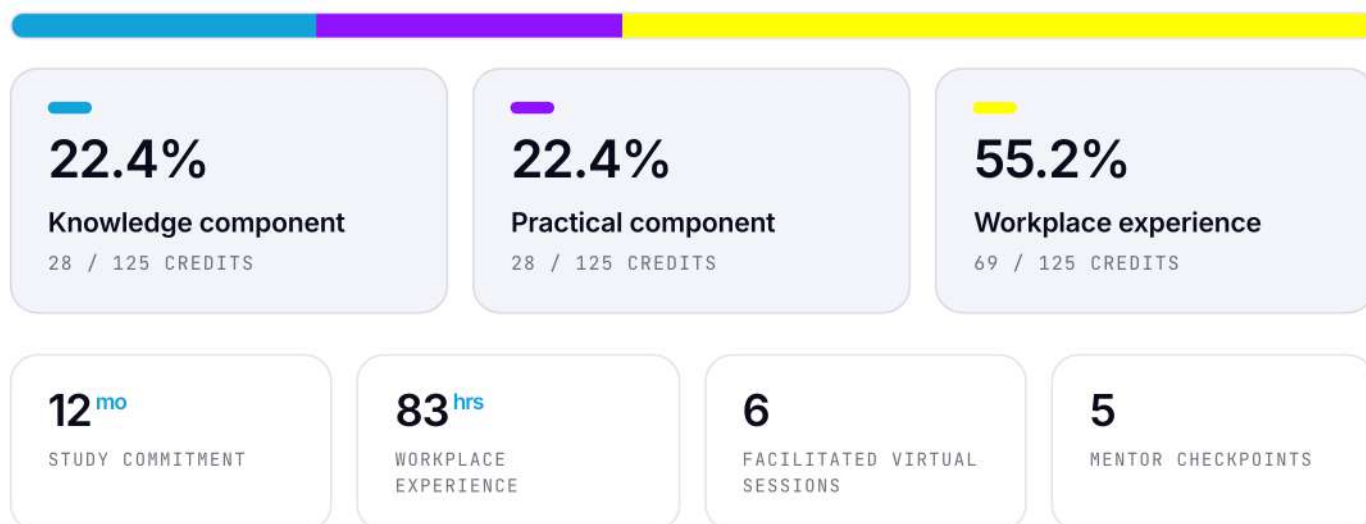
Developing the risk practitioners *organisations need.*

Most organisations have risk frameworks. The challenge is finding people who can implement them — coordinating stakeholders, managing processes, and ensuring compliance supports business objectives. This programme bridges that gap.

Built around practical application from the start, students work on real risk challenges within their organisations. Each module produces outputs — risk assessments, treatment plans, stakeholder strategies — that can be implemented while the qualification progresses, all supported by the CPSLearn® platform.



• THE QUALIFICATION STRUCTURE REFLECTS ITS PRACTICAL FOCUS



• THE LEARNING JOURNEY

A structured 12-month programme — *six modules, then the EISA.*

Each module combines a facilitated virtual session, self-paced online learning and workplace experience under mentor guidance — building toward the final Level 6 EISA.

01

2 WEEKS

Orientation & Programme Overview

- 1-day session + 6 hrs online — mapping the journey ahead.

02

12 WEEKS

Contextualising Risk

- 50 hrs online + 24 hrs workplace — legislation, governance and risk culture.

03

12 WEEKS

Risk Management Framework

- 48 hrs online + 18 hrs workplace — operationalising ISO 31000 and COSO.

04

8 WEEKS

Assessing Risk

- 19 hrs online + 19 hrs workplace — identifying and quantifying exposures.

05

5 WEEKS

Treating Risk

- 6 hrs online + 10 hrs workplace — facilitating and implementing treatment.

06

5 WEEKS

Practising Risk Management

- 12 hrs online + 12 hrs workplace — monitoring, trends and profile tracking.

07

4 WEEKS

EISA Preparation

- 2 tutorials + 10 hrs online, 2 mock exams — integrating all six modules.

EISA

FINAL EXAM

External Integrated Summative Assessment

- The final Level 6 exam — proving integrated competence for the certificate.

• WORKPLACE MENTOR STRATEGY

Guided support *throughout*.

As a QCTO qualification, the programme requires workplace support from an experienced individual in the same workplace — 83 hours of workplace experience guided by mentors across five modules, at checkpoints aligned to key milestones.

A
MONTH 1

Mentor Activation Session

- A 2-hour session equips mentors with tools, logbook and SOWE process.

1
MONTH 3

Checkpoint 1 • After Contextualising Risk

- Review contextual analysis and stakeholder dynamics.

2
MONTH 5

Checkpoint 2 • After Risk Management Framework

- Review the risk management plan and refine for organisational fit.

3
MONTH 7

Checkpoint 3 • After Assessing Risk

- Validate risk profiles and likelihood/impact ratings.

4
MONTH 8

Checkpoint 4 • After Treating Risk

- Review facilitated treatment plans and coordination.

5
MONTH 9

Checkpoint 5 • After Practising Risk Management

- Review monitoring rhythms and value delivered.

THE MENTOR ROLE

Mentors are selected by employers — supervisors, managers, coaches or L&D practitioners (recommended ratio: 1 mentor per 3 students). Students maintain workplace logbooks reviewed at each checkpoint; mentors confirm completion by signing the Statement of Work Experience (SOWE).

• WHY CHOOSE CPS

Two decades developing professionals *organisations depend on.*

CPS develops professionals organisations depend on — building both credentials and practical capability. For over two decades, CPS has specialised in workplace-integrated learning: concepts applied directly to organisational contexts under mentor guidance, not theory in isolation.

30,000+

Professionals have developed practical capability through CPS qualifications.

24+

Years specialising in professional skills development across industries.

3×

BANKSETA Awards — recognising real-world impact, not just academic achievement.

- ### 1 Designed for workplace application

Students complete workplace hours within each module under mentor guidance — assessments focus on practical deliverables that drive organisational value, with immediate returns from day one.
- ### 2 Flexible learning built for working professionals

The CPSLearn® platform delivers smart, adaptive learning on any device, with flexible timing for shift workers and busy families — and AI-powered guidance whenever help is needed.
- ### 3 Credentials that deliver results

Registered with SAQA and aligned to QCTO standards, this NQF Level 6 occupational certificate validates both competence and capability — recognised, externally assessed proof of practitioner-level ability.
- ### 4 Real outputs, not just theory

Students produce risk plans that get implemented, risk profiles that inform decisions and treatment strategies that reduce exposure — while completing the qualification.

• MODULE OVERVIEW

Building capability, *module by module.*

The following pages detail each module — learning outcomes, workplace experience requirements and the mentor support that guides application at every stage.

01 Orientation & Programme Overview

2 WEEKS • 6 HRS ONLINE

02 Contextualising Risk

12 WEEKS • 24 HRS WORKPLACE

03 Risk Management Framework

12 WEEKS • 18 HRS WORKPLACE

04 Assessing Risk

8 WEEKS • 19 HRS WORKPLACE

05 Treating Risk

5 WEEKS • 10 HRS WORKPLACE

06 Practising Risk Management

5 WEEKS • 12 HRS WORKPLACE

07 EISA Preparation

4 WEEKS • 2 MOCK EXAMS

◆ External Integrated
Summative Assessment

FINAL LEVEL 6 EXAM

MODULE 1

01

Orientation & Programme Overview

2 WEEKS

FACILITATED SESSION	1 Day
ONLINE LEARNING	6 hours
WORKPLACE	—
ASSESSMENT	—

TOPICS COVERED

Introduction to programme, learning journey mapping, platform navigation, assessment process, impact measurement.

Students prepare for their professional risk management journey — mapping the path from operational staff to strategic risk practitioner.

Skills students will master

- ✓ Understanding the significance and scope of the Risk Practitioner qualification
- ✓ Mastering the academic learning requirements and expectations
- ✓ Comprehending the assessment process and EISA requirements
- ✓ Navigating the CPSLearn® platform and accessing support resources
- ✓ Connecting personal career goals to organisational risk management needs

WHY IT MATTERS

Clear expectations from day one mean students focus on building capability rather than navigating confusion.

MENTOR SUPPORT ACTIVATION

During the Mentor Activation Session, students establish the working relationship that guides their development — identifying relevant organisational contexts and clarifying expectations for the workplace experience ahead.

MODULE 2

02

Contextualising Risk

12 WEEKS

FACILITATED SESSION	1 Day
ONLINE LEARNING	50 hours
WORKPLACE	24 hours
ASSESSMENT	1 Form. & 1 Summ.

TOPICS COVERED

Risk management evolution, legislation and governance, organisational structures and roles, risk culture, business partnering, internal and external context analysis.

Students establish how governance structures, legislation and organisational culture shape risk priorities.

Skills students will master

- ✓ Mapping how legislation (PFMA, King V, sector regulations) constrains and enables risk responses
- ✓ Analysing organisational structures to identify where risk accountability sits
- ✓ Diagnosing risk-culture maturity — from compliance-driven to strategically embedded
- ✓ Building partnerships that position risk management as a business enabler
- ✓ Documenting internal operations and external forces that generate risk exposures

WHY IT MATTERS

Students who master contextualisation implement frameworks that fit their organisation's reality rather than forcing mismatched approaches.

MENTOR SUPPORT CHECKPOINT 1

The mentor guides 24 hours of workplace experience, helping students map governance structures. Checkpoint 1 reviews the contextual analysis and stakeholder dynamics against organisational realities.

MODULE 3

03

Risk Management Framework

12 WEEKS

FACILITATED SESSION	1 Day
ONLINE LEARNING	48 hours
WORKPLACE	18 hours
ASSESSMENT	1 Form. & 1 Summ.

TOPICS COVERED

Continuous improvement, risk classification and taxonomy, management policy and strategy, standards, communication and consultation, assessment and treatment, risk reporting.

Students translate risk frameworks into functioning organisational systems.

Skills students will master

- ✓ Interpreting framework requirements and adapting them to business-unit contexts
- ✓ Compiling risk management plans that specify accountabilities, timelines and resources
- ✓ Designing risk taxonomies that categorise threats in ways business units understand
- ✓ Creating communication protocols that get risk information to decision-makers
- ✓ Building feedback loops that capture challenges and drive framework refinement

WHY IT MATTERS

Students become the translation layer — making frameworks work in real business environments rather than creating bureaucracy.

MENTOR SUPPORT CHECKPOINT 2

The mentor guides 18 hours of workplace experience adapting frameworks to the business unit. Checkpoint 2 reviews the risk management plan and refines it for organisational fit.

MODULE 4

04

Assessing Risk

8 WEEKS

FACILITATED SESSION	1 Day
ONLINE LEARNING	19 hours
WORKPLACE	19 hours
ASSESSMENT	1 Form. & 1 Summ.

TOPICS COVERED

Risk identification techniques, risk analysis methodologies, risk evaluation frameworks.

Students identify threats, quantify exposures and prioritise which risks demand treatment.

Skills students will master

- ✓ Facilitating risk-identification workshops across operational, strategic and compliance domains
- ✓ Tailoring assessment approaches to business-unit characteristics
- ✓ Applying likelihood and impact rating scales consistently across risk categories
- ✓ Calculating exposure using qualitative and quantitative modelling approaches
- ✓ Connecting assessment findings directly to treatment-strategy selection

WHY IT MATTERS

Students develop the analytical rigour to identify which risks genuinely threaten objectives versus which can be accepted or monitored.

MENTOR SUPPORT CHECKPOINT 3

The mentor guides 19 hours of workplace experience identifying context-specific threats. Checkpoint 3 validates risk profiles and likelihood/impact ratings against experience.

MODULE 5

05

Treating Risk

5 WEEKS

FACILITATED SESSION	1 Day
ONLINE LEARNING	6 hours
WORKPLACE	10 hours
ASSESSMENT	1 Form. & 1 Summ.

TOPICS COVERED

Risk treatment strategies, risk monitoring approaches, review processes.

Students facilitate stakeholder collaboration to design and implement risk responses.

Skills students will master

- ✓ Framing treatment options (avoid, reduce, transfer, accept) as business decisions
- ✓ Coordinating treatment responsibility across stakeholders with competing priorities
- ✓ Tracking implementation against milestones and escalating delays appropriately
- ✓ Measuring whether treatments reduce exposure as intended
- ✓ Supporting Risk Officers in embedding responses into existing processes

WHY IT MATTERS

The hardest skill isn't technical analysis — it's facilitating stakeholder agreement and ensuring follow-through across organisational boundaries.

MENTOR SUPPORT CHECKPOINT 4

The mentor guides 10 hours of workplace experience navigating stakeholder dynamics. Checkpoint 4 reviews facilitated treatment plans and coordination across priorities.

MODULE 6

06

Practising Risk Management

5 WEEKS

FACILITATED SESSION	1 Day
ONLINE LEARNING	12 hours
WORKPLACE	12 hours
ASSESSMENT	1 Form. & 1 Summ.

TOPICS COVERED

Performance monitoring techniques, trend analysis, risk profile tracking.

Students maintain risk management effectiveness through continuous monitoring and adaptation.

Skills students will master

- ✓ Tracking key risk indicators that signal rising exposure before incidents occur
- ✓ Analysing trend data to distinguish genuine shifts from normal variation
- ✓ Conducting effectiveness reviews of whether activities deliver intended value
- ✓ Reporting performance insights to executives in decision-driving formats
- ✓ Proposing framework adjustments based on evidence rather than anecdote

WHY IT MATTERS

Static risk management fails as environments evolve — students develop the discipline to keep it current, relevant and valuable.

MENTOR SUPPORT CHECKPOINT 5

The mentor guides 12 hours of workplace experience establishing monitoring rhythms. Checkpoint 5 reviews the tracking approach and how effectively activities deliver value.

MODULE 7 • EISA

07

EISA Preparation

4 WEEKS

TUTORIAL SESSIONS	2 × 1 hour
ONLINE LEARNING	10 hours
WORKPLACE	—
ASSESSMENT	2 Form. & 2 Mock

TOPICS COVERED

EISA structure and format, knowledge integration across modules, scenario-based application, assessment strategies.

Students integrate all module competencies for external assessment success.

Skills students will master

- ✓ Synthesising concepts across all six modules into cohesive professional responses
- ✓ Applying risk principles to unfamiliar organisational scenarios under time pressure
- ✓ Distinguishing superficial answers from practitioner-level competence
- ✓ Managing cognitive load during extended assessments while maintaining quality
- ✓ Interpreting scenario detail to identify which frameworks and approaches apply

WHY IT MATTERS

Thorough preparation transforms anxiety into confidence — students know they can demonstrate competence when it matters.

MENTOR SUPPORT GUIDANCE

This module focuses on exam preparation without workplace hours, but mentors remain available to discuss how the integrated competencies students have built apply to EISA scenarios.

• FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE

The complete capability set *upon completion.*

This isn't knowledge acquisition — it's capability transformation, validated through external assessment, proven through workplace application and recognised through NQF Level 6 certification. Graduates are capable of:



Establish context & organisational buy-in

Map how legislation, governance and culture shape risk priorities, and build readiness for framework implementation across the organisation.



Translate frameworks into systems

Working with Risk Officers, implement ISO 31000, COSO or proprietary models across business units — compiling plans and coordinating rollout.



Assess & communicate exposure

Identify threats through facilitated workshops, produce risk profiles that show what threatens objectives, and present findings clearly to executives.



Drive treatment implementation

Coordinate stakeholders to move treatment plans from planning into execution — tracking progress, escalating delays and framing responses as business actions.



Monitor performance & maintain effectiveness

Track key risk indicators before annual reviews flag changes, analyse trends and provide insights that inform strategic decisions and drive continuous improvement — so risk management stays strategically useful as organisational contexts change.

• TURN RISK KNOWLEDGE INTO PROFESSIONAL CAPABILITY

Develop the execution skills Risk Officers *depend on.*

The Occupational Certificate in Organisational Risk Practitioner develops how professionals translate policy into practice, coordinate stakeholders and maintain framework effectiveness across diverse organisational contexts.

CREDENTIAL

NQF 6 · QCTO · SAQA ID 94222

DURATION

12 months · 125 credits

WORKPLACE

83 hours · 5 mentor checkpoints

ASSESSMENT

**External Integrated Summative
Assessment**

DELIVERED AS A MANAGED JOURNEY

- ✓ Six core modules plus structured EISA preparation
- ✓ CPSLearn® access & facilitated virtual sessions
- ✓ Mentor activation, checkpoints & SOWE verification
- ✓ Assessment, moderation & learner support throughout

Let's discuss your development needs

Build risk-practitioner capability across your organisation with a managed CPS cohort.

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This programme develops professionals who shape outcomes instead of responding to them — *turning risk strategy into daily practice.*

