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Computer Literacy Training for ABET Learners

1. What is ABET?

The term ABET refers to Adult Basic Education and Training. It is one of the priorities of the National Education Strategy (Tirisano). An outcomes-based curriculum was developed for ABET. This curriculum aims to provide basic learning tools, knowledge and skills and provides learners with nationally recognised qualifications.

There are 4 levels of ABET training and these are equivalent to Grades R - 9. The curriculum includes several learning areas, including Language, Mathematics, Natural Science, Arts and Culture, Life Orientation, Technology, Human and Social Science and

Economic and Management Science.

ABET Level 4 learners can choose courses in Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises, Tourism, Agricultural Science and Ancillary Health Care.

Adult learners can enrol for the ABET programme at one of the following: Government Centres, Private Training Facilities specialising in providing ABET training, Company Training Facilities for company employees and at the different SETAs (Skills Education Training Authorities).

2. Where does the PresentIT ABET ICT curriculum fit into the National Curriculum?

The PresentIT ICT Lesson Material is designed for ABET Learners Level 1 - 3. The PresentIT Curriculum runs parallel to the ABET National Curriculum of the National ABET Board.

The focus of the PresentIT Lesson Material is on ICT (Information and Communication Technology) and the main purpose is to get ABET Learners computer literate. Think of ICT as another learning area - PresentIT provides the lesson material for this ICT Learning Area.

The PresentIT Lesson Material differs from "formal computer training", because the content of the lessons and the activities the learners do, are integrated with the learning areas of the ABET National Curriculum. For instance: the learners will learn how to work in a spreadsheet program on the computer and the activity which they will do, is integrated with the Economic and Management Science learning area.

3. What about Learning Area Outcomes?

As discussed in the previous question, the PresentIT ICT Lesson Material is integrated with the different learning areas. For each lesson, the Assessment Standards and Learning Area Outcomes of each of the National Learning Areas (listed in Question 1), is listed. The ABET Trainer will know exactly where the ICT lesson integrates with other learning areas.

The skills covered for computer literacy are also listed as outcomes of each lesson. The PresentIT ICT Lesson Material fully complies with outcomes based education and was developed in line with National Standards and requirements of the Department of Education.

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4. What about assessment?

The PresentIT Lesson Material makes provision for outcomes based assessment. Assessment methods are described and rubrics are included. The trainer monitors and assesses the outcomes of each lesson. Most assessment will be continuous assessment and comply with assessment as prescribed by the Department of Education.

5. Does PresentIT provide the trainer and the training?

No, PresentIT provides lesson material. Think of it in terms of textbooks and learning support material, like posters. PresentIT supplies everything the trainer needs for each ICT lesson. This includes the listed outcomes, lesson plans, activities (ready-to-use), assignments (described to the learner in worksheet format), assessment and learning support material (like visual aids and other files needed).

The training institution provides the ABET trainer. This person will facilitate the ICT lessons with the purpose to get learners computer literate. The ABET trainer is provided with a full set of lesson material to take, as is, into the classroom.

6. Is the PresentIT ICT Lesson Material accredited?

PresentIT is a member of ADESSA (www.adessa.org.za) which monitors educational supplies in South Africa.

The training facility will be responsible for the quality of training and the assessment of learners. PresentIT only provides the lesson material and is therefore not required to get any accreditation from SETAs.

Accredited training facilities use the PresentIT ICT Lesson Material to provide certified training. For a list of accredited training facilities, contact the SETAs (www.labourguide.co.za/SETA).

7. Must ABET learners be able to read and write before starting with Computer Training?

No, the PresentIT ICT Lesson Material Module 1 provides basic computer training for illiterate learners.

8. Do you offer lesson material for ABET Level 4 learners?

Not at this stage. Level 4 learners are literate (read and write) and can complete a formal course at any computer training centre. This will lead to certification of computer skills.

9. Will PresentIT train the facilitators?

Yes, we do provide training for ABET facilitators who make use of the PresentIT ICT Lesson Material.

10. What software do we need on our computers in order to run the PresentIT program?

PresentIT does not provide software or computer based training. We provide lesson material for a classroom facility. The PresentIT lesson material will work with any operating system, including Linux and Windows 7. The only requirement is an Office Suite, like Microsoft Office XP, 2003 or 2007, OpenOffice, CorelOffice or any other.

Viewers for all the programs are included in the lesson material. Internet access is recommended in order to make the training more "real-life".

11. What are the computer requirements?

You need a computer for each learner. The computers must have CD-ROM drives or networked with access to a CD-ROM drive. A data projector is recommended, but not required. It is also recommended that computers have access to a printer.

12. How does licencing work?

The training facility invests once off in obtaining the lesson material. The training facility is licenced to use the material for a certain number of learners. Please contact the PresentIT ABET ICT Client Department via admin@presentit.co.za for more information.