



OPEN LEARNING GROUP

Shortened Company Profile

The Open Learning Group was founded in 1994 as the College for Open Learning Southern Africa (COLSA). Since 1997 the Group became formally known as The Open Learning Group. OLG has developed into a business where people are developed across various academic fields and their futures influenced positively. Our strict customer service model has successfully supported over 60 000 students during the past 15 years.

The Open Learning Group (OLG) forms part of Open Learning Holdings, with subsidiaries including the Business School of Excellence (BSE) in Namibia; Credo Books and Masithuthuke. OLG has partnerships both nationally and internationally and partners include the University of London; Edexcel (provider of internationally recognised qualifications); City and Guilds (qualifications approval provider) and the North-West University.

Training programmes and courses focusing on skills scarce industries are priorities and are accredited and quality assured either by universities, Education and Training Quality Assurance departments (ETQAs) of SETAs or by the Higher Education Quality Council (HEQC) of the Council on Higher Education (CHE). OLG is equipped to operate across the three educational SAQA NQF bands namely General Education and Training (GET); Further Education and Training (FET) and Higher Education and Training (HET). OLG is registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training as a private higher education institution and as a private FET college and is also registered with the IEB to conduct ABET assessments. OLG has been awarded programme approval from the Council on Higher Education as well as from the national quality assurance authority, Umalusi, to offer accredited training programmes. OLG is accredited by the ETDP SETA.

OLG is divided into two main business units namely an **academic unit, and a logistics and operations unit. The four current focus areas on the academic side** are business, skills, risk and education, and a variety of certificates, diplomas, degrees, and postgraduate degrees are included in the available curriculum, designed to meet the South African learning needs. Popular programmes often presented include Adult Basic Education Training (ABET), a Further Education and Training (FET) Certificate in Marketing, a Certificate in Logistics Management; Learnerships such as the National Certificate in Wholesale and Retail Operations; ETDP SETA skills programmes such as the Assessor course and the Moderator course; Risk Management programmes such as the Safety, Health and Environmental Representative course (SHE Rep), the Incident Analysis HBTA Process course, the Supervisor Safety course and the Train-the-Trainer course, and programmes offered through the partnership with the North-West University such as a National Professional Diploma in Education; a Honours B.Ed Degree as well as short courses in end-user computing. Programmes are customised for students to apply new skills in the workplace.

On the logistics side OLG arranges training and contact sessions as well as graduations in locations nationally. Customised solutions are delivered through the OLG blended method-

ology of face-to-face, limited contact, paper-based and e-learning programme delivery as well as continuous support and student-paced programmes that are interactive and contextualised. A sophisticated web-based electronic management system manages student information enabling regular stakeholder reporting and management of return on investment (ROI).

A supporting arm supports both academic and logistics units and provides support to students and corporate clients through financial services, customer services, quality management services, marketing support services, and administrative support services. It also offers accreditation support, assessment support for competency development, SETA funding support, accreditation services applications as well as applications for new course developers. **Career guidance** can also be provided to ensure that students align their future professions with their passion and talents.

Solutions are implemented in industries including pharmaceutical, medical and farming industries.

OLG strives to be the most trusted and sought after life-long learning solution partner for all, providing internationally recognised and quality assured affordable learning opportunities to any individual, anywhere.

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