



LIMPOPO WILDLIFE ECO COLLEGE

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) — Learner Guide & Portfolio of Evidence Requirements
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RPL LEARNER GUIDE — SAQA 58930: FETC PROFESSIONAL HUNTING

1. Introduction

This guide outlines the requirements and process for obtaining Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for the Professional Hunting qualification (133 credits). RPL enables experienced hunters to have their existing skills and knowledge formally recognised through a structured assessment process, without necessarily attending traditional coursework.

2. Purpose and qualification overview

The Further Education and Training Certificate: Professional Hunting (SAQA 58930) addresses the skills and competencies required for licensing and registration as a Professional Hunter in South Africa. Professional hunters serve as both ambassadors for the country and providers of a business service. Upon completion, qualified hunters demonstrate competence in:

- Operating professionally in the hunting environment.
- Applying relevant legislative requirements.
- Handling and maintaining hunting weapons.
- Upholding hunting ethics and traditions.
- Interacting effectively with clients.
- Executing hunting experiences to industry standards.
- Properly handling hunting trophies.

3. Eligibility and prerequisites

Learners accessing this qualification must:

- Be competent in Communication and Mathematical Literacy at NQF Level 3.
- Have at least two years of experience in recreational hunting.
- Be proficient in the relevant weapons unit standards.
- Possess a valid firearm licence and competency certificates.
- Submit all documentation on or before the submission date confirmed at your pre-assessment briefing.

Please note: enrolment against SAQA 58930 closes nationally on 30 June 2028, with final achievement by 30 June 2031. Early submission is strongly advised.

4. Credit requirements

Total credits required: 133, distributed as follows.

Core unit standards (67 credits):

- Assess and record trophy quality (9) · Comply with hunting legislation (6) · Demonstrate hunting ethics understanding (4) · Hunt wild animals with clients (13) · Interpret wildlife behaviour (10) · Manage weapons for hunting (4) · Monitor occupational health and safety (8) · Oversee client arrival and departure (3) · Provide instruction to clients and staff (4) · Handle hunting trophies (6).

Fundamental unit standards (56 credits):

- Communication and language (40 credits) · Mathematical literacy (16 credits).

Elective unit standards (minimum 10 credits), commonly selected:

- Plan a recreational hunting experience (15) · Plan a dangerous game hunt (10) · Pursue a dangerous game quarry (10).

5. PORTFOLIO OF EVIDENCE (PoE) REQUIREMENTS

A. Personal information and documentation



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All new applicants: contact us at limpopowt@gmail.com for the application documentation to complete and return to LWEC.

Additional required documentation:

- Firearm training certificate.
- SAPS firearm competency certificate (not older than 10 years).
- Rifle licences (manually operated / double rifle).
- All professional hunting permits (even if expired).
- Professional hunting school certificate.
- First aid certification.
- Vehicle licences (if applicable).
- Dangerous game endorsements (if applicable).

B. Professional experience evidence

Professional experience documentation:

- Either employment contracts from registered outfitters, or detailed employer reference letters.
- Signed affidavits from fellow professional hunters, indicating their PH licence numbers and province of registration.
- Hunt registers and logbooks.

Photographic evidence:

- Professional hunting scenarios (minimum 10 photos of different species) — PH, client and trophy visible.
- Photo evidence of teamwork during trophy recovery.
- Weapon handling and safety procedures.
- Camp management.
- Technology use in hunting operations (handheld GPS, etc.).

C. Technical competency evidence

- Weapons handling (US 246419): range qualification certificates; hunting organisation membership (CHASA, NATshoot, etc.).
- Trophy assessment (US 246418): measurement forms, before/after photos, SCI scoring sheets, Safari Club International or Rowland Ward documentation, assessment records.
- Wildlife behaviour (US 246421) — LWEC workbook applicable: field notes, track identification, game movement records, weather impact analysis, species behaviour documentation.
- Client service (applicable to hunting outfitters/contractors): pre-hunt correspondence, package quotations, service protocols (OHS).
- Conservation and ethics — LWEC workbook applicable: game counting records, habitat management, anti-poaching activities, sustainable practices, wildlife management plans, shot placement records, ethics certificates.

D. Dangerous-game specialisation (if applicable)

To include dangerous game in your scope, the dangerous-game electives become compulsory: US 246415 — Plan a dangerous game hunt (10 credits) and US 246417 — Pursue a dangerous game quarry (10 credits). Additional fees apply.

Additional requirements:

- Tracking logs · specific protocols · emergency response plans · medical preparation · equipment checklists · area maps with danger zones · recovery operation procedures.

6. Portfolio organisation requirements



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- Table of contents: clearly labelled sections, page numbers, cross-references to unit standards.
- Evidence matrix: the relationship between evidence and unit standards, with primary and supporting evidence indicators.
- Documentation standards: clear dating on all documents, signed and witnessed statements, labelled photographs with context, cross-referenced documentation.
- Digital submission format: PDF files following naming conventions, high-resolution photographs, legible scanned documents, adherence to file size guidelines.

7. Assessment process

Assessment is conducted by CATHSSETA-registered assessors with expertise in professional hunting:

- E.Z. Wessels — CATHSSETA Assessor No. 613/A/00337/2020.
- C.S. Wessels — CATHSSETA Assessor No. 613/A/00345/2020; Internal Moderator No. 613/M/00771/2023.

The assessment process comprises: (1) portfolio review; (2) competency evaluation; (3) practical assessment where applicable; (4) gap analysis if needed; (5) internal moderation; (6) final certification decision.

8. Submission and declaration

Submit all documentation to: limpopowt@gmail.com

Declaration:

I, _____, hereby declare that all submitted documents are true copies of originals and represent an honest and accurate reflection of my workplace experience and prior learning.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ PH licence number: _____

Important notes

- All evidence must be current, valid and verifiable; original documentation may be requested for verification.
- Successful completion enables registration against SAQA 58930 as a Professional Hunter in South Africa.
- Additional unit standards, at an additional fee, are required for dangerous-game specialisation.
- Enrolment against SAQA 58930 closes nationally on 30 June 2028 — submit early.

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