

Choosing a quality private provider

Did you apply to study at a University only to find that you were not accepted? Many students find themselves in this position, but all is not lost.

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There are many, very able private educational institutions in South Africa that offer a wide range of exciting programmes across a variety of subject areas. You may very well be eligible to do a qualification with one of these providers, and many banks fund studies with private institutions, provided that they are operating legally. So, do your research and find out about these providers, and you may find yourself a spot in a great programme of study.

If you want to become a student at a private institution, make sure that it is registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) and that it is accredited to offer the qualification you want to do (either by Umalusi or the Higher Education Quality Committee). One of the best ways to find out about the quality of the programme, and whether it is what you want to do, is to speak to people who have studied there already. How did they find the course? Did they enjoy it and, more importantly, how did they benefit?

There are other factors too. A good institution will devise programmes to meet both an academic (further study) and a second (employability) need. So you can ask whether students have proceeded to further studies and whether and how the qualification would help in your chosen career. Make sure too that you ask about equivalence: is the qualification offering similar (not the same) qualifications as those offered at other institutions? Remember that each institution will have its own understanding of what makes for a good qualification in its area!

Finally, choose your '[mode of delivery](#)'. Is it contact learning? Do you prefer to attend classes? When and how often? Or is it distance learning? Are you able to study independently and meet deadlines easily? Which mode suits your pocket, lifestyle and abilities best?

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