

UGANDA BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD

# MODULAR ASSESSMENT SYLLABUS FOR NATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

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# 1.0 PREAMBLE

The Ministry of Education and Sports is spearheading modularization of assessment as part of the implementation of the Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) policy, 2019 reforms.

This Modular Assessment Syllabus (MAS) has been derived from the NCDC curriculum of National Certificate in Building Construction (2016) which is currently being taught and assessed for trainees.

The syllabus looked at related content in the curriculum and realigned it into nine (9) modules of; Bricklaying, Concreting, Steel bending and fixing, Roof construction, Wall finishes, Tiling, Painting, Real Life project and Industrial training emphasizing skills acquisition for the workforce to stimulate service delivery and infrastructural development both in private and public sectors. Six (6) other support modules have been identified and included which have to be done by trainees who wish to pursue further education. The support modules include; Technician Mathematics, Communication Skills, Computer Applications, Kiswahili, Computer Aided Building Drawing and Entrepreneurship Skills.

The modules are flexible and allow candidates interested in academic progression to join at any time while participating in productive activities for community transformation.

**IDENTIFIED MODULES/COMPETENCY AREAS** 



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#### 3.0 LEARNING OUTCOMES PER MODULE

## **MODULE NAME: BRICKLAYING**

Upon successful completion of this module, the trainee will be able to:

- (i) Identify and select appropriate tools and equipment used in bricklaying.
- (ii) Make cost estimates for bricklaying materials.
- (iii) Mould bricks and blocks.
- (iv) Prepare and use bricklaying materials.
- (v) Draw and Interpret building drawings.
- (vi) Lay, plumb, square and level bricks and blocks during the construction of buildings.

#### **MODULE NAME: CONCRETING**

Upon successful completion of this module, the trainee will be able to:

- (i) Identify and select appropriate tools and equipment used in concreting.
- (ii) Make cost estimates for concreting materials.
- (iii) Prepare and use concrete materials.
- (iv) Carryout concrete processes and cure concrete.
- (v) Construct floors, beams, lintels, columns, stairs and any other structures in concrete.

## MODULE NAME: STEEL BENDING AND FIXING

Upon successful completion of this module, the trainee will be able to:

- (i) Identify and select appropriate tools and equipment used in steelworks.
- (ii) Make cost estimates for steelworks.
- (iii) Prepare, bend and fix all reinforcements during construction and maintenance of buildings.

## **MODULE NAME: ROOF CONSTRUCTION**

Upon successful completion of this module, the trainee will be able to:

- (i) Identify and select appropriate tools and equipment used in roofing.
- (ii) Make cost estimates for roof construction.
- (iii) Prepare and use roofing materials.
- (iv) Carryout the roofing of buildings.
- (v) Construct ceilings in buildings.

## **MODULE NAME: WALL FINISHING**

Upon successful completion of this module, the trainee will be able to:

- (i) Identify and select appropriate tools and equipment used in finishes for buildings
- (ii) Make cost estimates for finishing works.

- (iii) Prepare and use materials for finishing works.
- (iv) Carryout the finishing on buildings.

#### MODULE NAME: TILING

Upon successful completion of this module, the trainee will be able to:

- (i) Identify and select appropriate tools and equipment used for tiling.
- (ii) Make cost estimates for tiling works.
- (iii) Prepare and use tiling materials.
- (iv) Carryout tiling in required areas.

#### **MODULE NAME: PAINTING**

Upon successful completion of this module, the trainee will be able to:

- (i) Identify and select appropriate tools and equipment used for painting works.
- (ii) Make cost estimates for painting works.
- (iii) Prepare and use painting materials.
- (iv) Carryout painting of buildings.

Competencies Duties and Tasks	Indicative syllabus Content	Duration	
Competencies	Duties and Tasks	mulcative synabus Content	Contact hours
• Administer first aid	• Ensure safety by use	• Safety, Health and Environment	10
(snake bites, cuts,	of PPEs	• Tools and Equipment	
electric shocks etc)	• Identify, select and		
• Use PPEs	use appropriate tools		
• Use, care and maintain	and equipment in		
tools and equipment	construction works		
• investigates sites and	• Carry out site	Site investigation	12
writes reports.	investigation.	• Site surveying and levelling (to	
• clears the site and makes	• Clear and site out	be limited to levelling and brief	
site layout for material	buildings.	introduction tolevelling	
delivery and	• Set out buildings.	equipment like boning rods,	
inconvenience.		dumpy level and water level)	
• sets out the site and its		Site clearance	
buildings.		Drawings approval	
• plans and programs site		• Setting out	
works using bar chart,		• Site lay out	
gant charts and arrow		• Planning and programming site	
diagrams.		works using bar charts, gant	
• estimates, plans and		charts, and arrowdiagrams	
assesses plant and		including work measurement,	
	<ul> <li>Competencies</li> <li>Administer first aid (snake bites, cuts, electric shocks etc)</li> <li>Use PPEs</li> <li>Use, care and maintain tools and equipment</li> <li>investigates sites and writes reports.</li> <li>clears the site and makes</li> <li>site layout for material delivery and inconvenience.</li> <li>sets out the site and its buildings.</li> <li>plans and programs site works using bar chart, gant charts and arrow diagrams.</li> <li>estimates, plans and assesse plant and</li> </ul>	CompetenciesDuties and Tasks• Administer first aid• Ensure safety by use(snake bites, cuts,of PPEselectric shocks etc)• Identify, select andUse PPEsuse appropriate toolsUse, care and maintainand equipment intools and equipmentconstruction worksinvestigates sites and• Carry out sitewrites reports.• Clear and site outsite layout for materialbuildings.delivery and• Set out buildings.inconvenience.• Set out buildings.buildings.• Set out buildings.uildings.• Set out buildings.agant charts and arrow• Farsting and arrowdiagrams.• Farsting andestimates, plans and• Farsting andassesse plant and• Farsting andoutput• Farsting and <t< td=""><td>CompetenciesDuties and TasksIndicative syllabus Content• Administer first aid (snake bites, cuts, electric shocks etc)• Ensure safety by use of PPEs• Safety, Health and Environment • Tools and Equipment• Use PPEs• Identify, select and use appropriate tools and equipment in tools and equipment• Site investigation• Investigates sites and writes reports.• Carry out site investigation.• Site investigation• Clears the site and makes site layout for material delivery and inconvenience.• Clear and site out buildings.• Site clearance• sets out the site and its buildings.• Set out buildings. • Set out buildings.• Site clearance• plans and programs site works using bar chart, gant charts and arrow diagrams.• Leart and the set of the</td></t<>	CompetenciesDuties and TasksIndicative syllabus Content• Administer first aid (snake bites, cuts, electric shocks etc)• Ensure safety by use of PPEs• Safety, Health and Environment • Tools and Equipment• Use PPEs• Identify, select and use appropriate tools and equipment in tools and equipment• Site investigation• Investigates sites and writes reports.• Carry out site investigation.• Site investigation• Clears the site and makes site layout for material delivery and inconvenience.• Clear and site out buildings.• Site clearance• sets out the site and its buildings.• Set out buildings. • Set out buildings.• Site clearance• plans and programs site works using bar chart, gant charts and arrow diagrams.• Leart and the set of the

## 4.0 DETAILED LEARNING CONTENT AND COMPETENCIES FOR BRICKLAYING

	labour output.		method study, and work study	
	• carries out simple		• Plant and labour output	
	site survey, taking		• Site safety regulations observed	
	of measurements		when investigating sites, clearing,	
	and levelling using		setting out and executing works	
	dumpy levels and			
	Theodolite or total			
	station.			
Foundation	• sketches designs for raft,	Select and construct	• Definition, regulations, and	10
	pad, pile and strip	appropriate foundations	requirements of a good foundation	
	foundations.	for buildings	• Types of foundations for	
	• builds basement walls.		example raft, strip, pad, pile,	
	• applies tanking to		slab, cellular and stepped	
	hasement walls to		foundations	
	prevent water effect		Foundation concrete levelling	
			Plinth wall	
	• applies DPC, anti-		• Footings	
	termite solution on hard		• Basement construction, water and	
	core and below DPC.		termite prevention	
	• describes the types of		Damp proofing	
	soil and relates their		• Types of soils	
	strength to the type of		• Site safety regulations observed	
	proposed foundation.		when working in foundations and	

			basements	
Excavation	• identifies	Carry out excavations	Excavation equipment:	06
	construction	for foundations	skimmers, graders, bull	
	equipment and		dozers, draglines, tractors	
	their		scrubber back actors	
	application		• Timbering to trenches, inspection of	
	(skimmers,		shallow and deep trenches	
	graders, bull		Control of sub-soil water	
	dozers,		(using various dewatering	
	draglines,		methods like perimeter	
	tractors and		trenches, sump holes), plant	
	scrubber back		and transportation of spoil	
	actors).		• Site safety regulations	
	• applies methods of		observed when excavating,	
	protecting sides of		timbering and removing sub	
	excavations against		water	
	collapse.			
	• erects and supports			
	timbering to loose,			
	moderate and firm			
	soils.			
	• sketches timbering to			
	loose, moderate and			

	<ul> <li>firm soils.</li> <li>identifies methods of dewatering excavations (perimeter trenches and sump holes).</li> <li>transports off soil spoil from site.</li> </ul>			
Walling	<ul> <li>describes a wall, its functional requirements, types and their application.</li> <li>bonds various types of walls.</li> <li>sketches and draws plans and elevations for various types of walls.</li> <li>describes the procedure of constructing walls.</li> <li>finishes walls using common building materials.</li> <li>points and joints a wall.</li> </ul>	Construction walls for buildings using various types of bonding	<ul> <li>Walls</li> <li>Description of walls</li> <li>Functional requirements of walls</li> <li>Types of walls: fender, sleeper, honey comb, gable, buttressing, cavity, retaining, boundary, parapet, composite, circular, stone</li> <li>Classification of walls: load bearing and non-load bearing</li> <li>Pointing and jointing</li> <li>Wall construction materials: bricks, blocks, stones, timber, concrete and sheets</li> <li>selects the best and suitable construction material for a particular</li> </ul>	12

	Dry bonds the bricks to test the design pattern. • Applies the rules of bonding when bonding walls.		<ul> <li>job.</li> <li>describes the advantages and disadvantages of bricks, blocks, timber, steel, stones and sheets.</li> <li>Bonding <ul> <li>Definition, rules, types of bonds i.e. stretcher, English, header, Flemish, broken, herring, bone bond or half brick walls, one brick walls, one brick walls, one and half brick and two brick thick walls</li> <li>Bonding of acute and obtuse angles in header and stretcher bonds</li> <li>Bonding stopped ends, square corners, opening with square jambs, toothing andracking back, isolated and attached piers</li> <li>Bonding in block work for walls and piers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Scattolding	<ul> <li>classifies scatfolds.</li> <li>selects the suitable materials for scaffold.</li> </ul>	Erect and dismantle scaffoldings during construction activities	<ul> <li>Scattolds, types</li> <li>Materials, regulations and requirements</li> </ul>	10

	<ul> <li>erects tubular scaffold and wooden scaffold.</li> <li>observes the necessary rules and regulations governing scaffold construction.</li> <li>constructs ladders and trestles as scaffolds.</li> <li>erects gantries.</li> <li>stores scaffold materials.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Fittings, patent scaffold frames</li> <li>Tubular scaffolds, fittings</li> <li>Care of equipment, faults in scaffolds, ladders and folding step ladders</li> <li>Advantages of tubular scaffold over timer scaffolds</li> <li>Procedure of erecting tubular scaffold</li> <li>Gantries, cantilever scaffold</li> <li>Truss-out scaffold</li> <li>Suspended scaffold</li> <li>Mobile scaffold</li> <li>Safety standards, health and</li> </ul>	
Bricklaying materials	<ul> <li>identifies the physical and mechanical properties of some building materials.</li> <li>selects the correct materials for the right work.</li> <li>carries out sand tests</li> </ul>	Select suitable bricklaying materials and use them in construction	<ul> <li>in place and</li> <li>Properties of materials</li> <li>Effects of Water on Building Materials</li> <li>Lime</li> <li>Cement</li> <li>Mortar</li> <li>Strength and Stability</li> </ul>	74

for bulking,	Centre of Gravity	
efflorescence .		
• describes the principle		
of Archimedes in		
regard to oils and body		
surfaces.		
· , · ,		
• carries out experiments		
on floatation of liquids.		
• describes stress,		
strain, Young's		
modulus of		
elasticity, factor		
of safety, working		
and ultimate		
stress.		
• Carries out practical		
tests on elasticity of		
binding wire and other		
building materials.		
• describes the		
importance of building		
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science.		
applies adhesion an	1	
cohesion in		
construction.		
• carries out water		
absorption, porosity		
capillarity and		
permeability tests.		
• tests for dump proo		
course (DPC)		
efficiency and appli	es	
it.		
• differentiates betwe	en a	
solute, solvent and		
solution as applied i	n	
construction.		
• describes offloresse	200	
describes enforesce     its services its offect	ice,	
its causes, its effects		
and prevention.		
• describes drying		
shrinkage and mois	ure	

content		
content.		
<ul> <li>describes different</li> </ul>		
types of lime and their		
uses.		
• mixes and slakes lime.		
• describes the		
manufacturing process		
of cement.		
• describes the chemical		
composition of		
ordinary Portland		
cement (OPC).		
• tests cement for		
soundness, fineness		
and setting		
and betting.		
• describes the types of		
cement and application		
coment and appreadon.		
<ul> <li>describes various</li> </ul>		
mortar mixes and		
mortar mixes and		
where they are used.		

differentiates between		
lime mortar and cement		
mortar and their		
application.		
• describes the mixing of		
mortar by hand.		
• mixes mortar to a		
workable state		
workable state.		
• applies mortar well on		
the required surfaces.		
. identifies and selects		
• identifies and selects		
the suitable materials		
for mortar.		
• tests water for		
cleanliness using eves		
creatiness using eyes.		
• carries out the crushing		
test of aggregates for		
mortar mixing.		
• differentiates between		
strength and stability.		

	• describes and applies			
	factors affecting			
	stability of walls and			
	piers.			
	• describes slenderness			
	ratio of structures			
	• calculates slenderness			
	ratio and safe loads in			
	walls and piers.			
	• determines			
	the centre of			
	arrowity of			
	gravity of			
	regular and			
	irregular			
	shapes			
	applied in			
	building by			
	geometry.			
Building drawing	• identifies, selects and	Draw and interpret	Introduction to Technical Drawing	84
	uses the common	working drawings	• Representation of Materials/Hatching	
	drawing tools and		Geometrical Constructions	
	equipment.		• Projections	

<ul> <li>sheets by name and size.</li> <li>sets the margin, makes</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>size.</li> <li>sets the margin, makes</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>sets the margin, makes</li> </ul>	
• sets the margin, makes	
the title block and	
prints lettering on	
drawing sheets	
drawing sheets.	
identifies hatching for	
different types of	
materials.	
• applies the correct	
hatching to the required	
representation.	
• reads scale on scale	
different types of lines.	
constructs different	
angles, polygons and	
ellipses to a given	
scale.	
draws to scale	

quadrilaterals,		
triangles, circles,		
ellipses and relate them		
to their application.		
• constructs to		
scale		
sogmontal		
segmentai,		
semicircular,		
3 and 4		
centred		
arches and		
relates them		
to		
application.		
• describes the relevance		
of arches as used in		
construction, and		
designs and names of		
parts of arches.		
• differentiates		
orthographic drawings		
from isometric		

drawings.		
• analyses the	difference	
hotware 1st		
Detween 1st	angle and	
3 <sup>rd</sup> angle pr	ojections.	
draws object	s in	
isometric, ol	blique and	
orthographic	views.	
dimensions	tems	
drawn in iso	metric	
oblique and	metric,	
orthographic	views	
ormographic		
draws items	to a given	
scale and in	isometric,	
oblique and		
orthographic	views.	
• transforms i	sometric	
drawings to		
orthographic	drawings.	
a opolysee the	difforma	
• analyses the	drawings	
between 3D	urawings	
and orthogra	ipnic	

drawings.	
• sketches 3D drawings	
and orthographic	
and orthographic.	
• draws the plan of	
courses one and two,	
elevation and section to	
scale.	
• dry honds the bricks to	
• dry bonds the bricks to	
test the design pattern.	
• applies the rules of	
bonding when bonding	
walls.	
• draws to scale	
timbering to	
trenches in	
isometric projection	
for shallow,	
moderately deep	
and deep trenches.	
- draws and names	
• draws and names	
the construction	

	details of a suspended timber floor and construction details of a solid ground concrete floor, including the foundation.			
Fireplaces/Chimney	• designs and draws	Construct fireplaces/	• Types of fireplaces (open, upper	08
Construction	closed energy saving	chimneys	floor open fireplace and closed	
	stove and open fireplace.		energy savingfireplaces or built	
	• constructs closed energy		fuel wood energy saving stoves)	
	saving stoves and open		• Materials used for construction of	
	fireplaces for domestic		closed energy saving fireplace	
	and public use.		• Terminologies applied in fireplace	
	• constructs and cleans the		construction	
	internal duct of the		• Structural requirements	
	chimney.		• Construction of upper and ground	
	• constructs the upper and		floor hearth	
	ground floor hearth.		Chimney construction	
	• applies		• Flues for industrial appliances	
	building		• Flue linings (fire backs, refractory	
	bylaws in		concrete)	

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	fireplace		•	Bylaws	
	construction		•	Damp prevention in chimney stacks	
	and flue				
	linings (fire		•	Treatment around the fireplace at	
	backs,			roof level	
	refractory		•	Safety standards, health and	
	concrete).			environmental regulations to be put	
				in place and observed when the	
				constructing fireplaces	
Drainage	• sketches the layout of	Construct drainage	•	Definition	22
	drainage systems.	structures	•	Principles, safety, health and	
	• sets out the drainage			environmental regulations to be	
	levent and avaguates the			observed when working on drainage	
	draine as transhee				
	drainage trenches.			systems	
	• sets out the required		•	Drainage materials, joints,	
	fall/gradient for both the			drainage systems (partial, separate	
	trench and the piping.			and combined systems)	
	• installs drainage fittings			Testing (smoke test water test light	
	• Instans dramage numgs.		•	festing (smoke test, water test, right	
	• tests newly laid drainage			test ball test)	
	pipes before back filling.		•	Inspection chambers, sewers, septic	
	• builds a septic tank and			tanks, laying drains, traps,	

	<ul> <li>its soak away pits to standard design specifications.</li> <li>designs, draws and builds manholes and inspection chambers.</li> <li>lays drainage fittings and pipes.</li> </ul>		cesspools, lagoons, soak away <ul> <li>Principles of septic tank</li> </ul>	
Repair and Maintenance of Structures	<ul> <li>prevents rainwater from leaking into the building.</li> <li>carries out some field assessments of the clients' complaints and writes a report with repair andmaintenance recommendations.</li> <li>estimates the cost of the damage and its associated repair cost.</li> <li>supports walls under maintenance.</li> <li>identifies the right methods of demolishing particular works.</li> <li>sensitizes and warns the public on the expected and avoidable hazards.</li> <li>carries out real</li> </ul>	Repair and maintain structures	<ul> <li>Safety standards, health and environmental regulations to be put in place and observed when carrying out demolition work, repair and maintenance of structures</li> <li>Regulations governing demolition</li> <li>Demolition (methods of demolition i.e. pull down , explosives, fire method, ballmethod, burning, hand method)</li> <li>Underpinning (precautions and justifications)</li> <li>Methods of underpinning (Jack piling, needle, pile</li> </ul>	20

underpinning.	underpinning and	
	traditional)	
	• Shoring (flying, dead,	
	raking)	
TOTAL DURATION	· ·	268

#### ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES OF THE BRICKLAYING MODULE

This module will consist of two papers including a theory and a practical. Each of the papers will have a continuous assessment and a final exam.

- (a) Continuous assessment (40%)
  - Assignments (05%)
  - Practicals (25%)
  - Class tests (10%)

The continuous assessment shall consist of:

- Workshop/practical work/expert assignments
- Tests
- Assignments consisting of;
  - ➢ Class work
  - Written questions to be answered from home (homework)
  - Reports from attended industrial visits, documentaries, Field visits and presentations by professionals

The continuous assessment will be monitored and verified using assessment tools/instruments.

This will be done through the tripartite system of assessment.

(b) Final Examination

#### (i) Theory examination

This paper will consist of **two** sections **A** and **B**. Section **A** (Building technology and materials) will consist of five questions each carrying 20 marks and the trainee will be required to answer **any three** questions. Section **B** (Building Drawing) will consist of three questions each carrying 20 marks and the trainee will be required to answer **any two** questions. The marks from this exam will be converted to 60% and added to the coursework assessment.

The duration for this paper will be **3 hours.** 

#### (ii) Practical examination

This will consist of **one compulsory practical question**.

The marks from this exam will be converted to 60% and added to the coursework assessment. The duration for this paper will be **6 hours.** 

Submodules	Competencies	Duties and Tasks	Indicative syllabus Content	<b>Duration Contact</b>
	<b>p</b>			hours
Concrete materials	• carries out the sand bulking	• Identify and select	Types, qualities, sources	10
(Aggregates)	test using dry sand sample	suitable materials	• Grading test for coarse	
	and moistening.	used in concreting	and fine aggregates:	
	• carries out silt test for sand	works	sieve analysis, hand	
	using clear bottle, clean		sieving, sampling	
	water, sand sample and		(quartering)	
	stirring stick.		• Field settling test for sand - silt	
	• grades aggregates using		test	
	standard sieve meshes.		Aggregate crushing value	
	• resizes locally crushed stone		(ACV) test	
	aggregate to required size.		• Shapes: round, irregular,	
	• describes the good qualities		angular, flaky, elongated	
	of aggregates.		• Bulking test for sand	
	• performs slump and		• Reasons for mixing aggregates	
	compaction factor tests.		with binders	
	• batches the materials to		• Safety, health and	
	correct ratios.		environmental regulations	
	• applies admixtures to		observed when selecting, testing	
	concrete.		and using aggregates.	

#### 5.0 DETAILED LEARNING CONTENT AND COMPETENCIES FOR CONCRETING

Production and use of	• describes the general	Prepare, cast and cure	• Properties of fresh and	14
Concrete	principles in the use of	concrete and its	hardened concrete, slump	
	concrete mixers.	products	test, compaction factor test,	
	• uses concrete mixers.		factors affecting workability	
	• compacts concrete.		• Admixtures: types, uses and	
	• differentiates between gap		precautions on their use	
	graded concrete and light		• Water cement ratio, aggregate-	
	weight concrete.		cement ratio	
	• places joints to concrete.		• Batching and methods used	
	• differentiates precast		• General principles in the	
	concrete from cast-in-situ		use of concrete mixers,	
	concrete.		transporting concrete and	
	• carries out quality control of		placing	
	concrete.		• Factors to consider when	
			casting concrete in large pores	
			• Why compact and methods of	
			compaction	
			• Terminology applied in	
			concrete	
			• Joints in concrete structures	
			• Mixing and handling concrete in	
			hot weather	
			• Types of concrete: in-situ,	

			mass pre-cast light weight	
			indust, pro cust, right worght,	
			aerated, non-fine, neavy	
			weight, ready-made,	
			reinforced, pre-stressed, gap-	
			graded, dry lean, granolithic,	
			concrete for bricks and blocks	
			• Mix design and general form	
			work requirements	
			• Quality control of concrete and	
			curing of concrete	
			• Safety, health and	
			environmental regulations	
			observed when working with	
			fresh and hardened concrete	
Formwork	• supports the formwork and	Erect and strike	• Formwork for walls, beams,	10
	casts the reinforced concrete.	formwork	columns and floor slabs	
	• sketches, designs and draws		• Materials used for construction	
	the formwork to reinforced		of formwork	
	concrete lintel or beam.		• Building regulations governing	
	• describes the necessary		formwork construction	
	regulations governing the		• Functional requirements	
	construction of lintels and		• Supporting members to arches	
	beams.		• Types of formwork for	

	• selects the suitable material		beams, columns, stairs and	
	for the formwork.		canopy	
	• describes the necessary			
	regulations governing the			
	construction of formwork.			
	• assembles and disassembles			
	formwork.			
	• maintains, treats and stores			
	formwork materials.			
	•			
Floors	designs, sketches and	Construct floors for	Floors: suspended timber	08
	draws the suspended	buildings	floors, upper timber floors,	
	timber floors, upper		concrete solid and pre-	
	timber floors, concrete		stressed reinforced concrete	
	solidand pre-stressed		floors	
	reinforced concrete		Floor finishes	
	floors) to a given scale.		• Floor choice and regulations for	
	applies various floor		floor construction	
	finishes.			
	• describes the construction			
	procedures for various			
	floors.			
	• constructs and repairs			

	various floors.			
Bridging of Openings	• frames centres for arches.	• Construct arches,	Arches	10
	• supports the centre safely	lintels, beams	Classification of arches	
	and ready to carry the loads.		• Types of arches (segmental,	
	• sketches, designs and draws		gauged, rough, semi-circular,	
	segmental, semi-circular,		semi elliptical lancet, drop,	
	gothic, semi elliptical arches.		equilateral and others)	
	• bends and binds together the		• Materials used for arch	
	reinforcing bars and stirrups		construction Lintels and beams	
	using binding wire.			
	• supports the formwork and		• Description of lintels and beams	15
	casts the reinforced concrete.		• Types of lintels and beams	
	• sketches, designs and draws		(concrete, timber, steel and	
	the formwork to reinforced		<ul><li>stone lintels)</li><li>Formwork for lintels and beams</li></ul>	
	concrete lintel or beam.			
	• describes the necessary		Concrete cover to	
	regulations governing the		reinforcements	
	construction of lintels and		• Safety, health and	
	beams.		environmental regulations	
	•		governing the construction of	
			formwork, lintels and beams	
Stairs	• designs and draws stairs.	Construct stairs	• Safety, health and	18
	• constructs stair formwork.		environmental regulations	

TOTAL DURATION		
	turning	
	Classification: straight and	
	• Formwork for stairs	
	• Stair design	
	Functional requirements	
	quarter turn	
	dog leg, quarter turn, three	
• sketches types of stairs.	• Types: half turn, geometrical	
given.	Terminologies	
steps when the rise of each is	stairs	
• calculates the number of	observed when constructing	

#### ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES OF THE CONCRETING MODULE

This module will consist of two papers including a theory and a practical. Each of the papers will have a continuous assessment and a final exam.

- (a) Continuous assessment (40%)
  - Assignments (05%)
  - Practicals (25%)
  - Class tests (10%)

The continuous assessment shall consist of:

- Workshop/practical work/expert assignments
- Tests
- Assignments consisting of;
  - ➢ Class work
  - Written questions to be answered from home (homework)
  - Reports from attended industrial visits, documentaries, Field visits and presentations by professionals

The continuous assessment will be monitored and verified using assessment tools/instruments.

This will be done through the tripartite system of assessment.

(b) Final Examination

#### (i) Theory examination

This paper will consist of eight questions each carrying 20 marks and the trainee will be required

to answer **any five** questions.

The marks from this exam will be converted to 60% and added to the coursework assessment.

The duration for this paper will be **3 hours.** 

#### (ii) Practical examination

This will consist of **one compulsory practical question**.

The marks from this exam will be converted to 60% and added to the coursework assessment. The duration for this paper will be **6 hours.** 

Submodules		Competencies	Duties and Tasks		Indicative syllabus Content	Duration
						<b>Contact hours</b>
Corrosion	•	identifies the causes and	Protect reinforcements	•	Corrosion of metals	12
		remedies of corrosion.	from corrosion	•	Types of corrosion	
	•	protects reinforcement/steel		•	Causes of corrosion	
		against corrosion by		•	Precautions taken of corrosion	
		providing adequate concrete		•	Prevention of corrosion	
		cover.		•	Concrete covers	
				•	Safety, health and environmental	
					regulations observed when using and	
					protecting metals against the effects	
					of rust	
Mechanics	•	describes a machine and its	Determine bending	•	Machine: definition of quantities	20
		application.	moments and shear		used	
	•	calculates the support	forces in building	•	Types and uses [lever, pulley,	
		reactions of simply	materials		inclined plane, screws, wheel	
		supported, overhanging and			and axle, gears, andwedge	
		cantilever beams.			(mechanical advantage and	
	•	draws bending moments and			velocity ratio)	
		shear force diagrams to an		•	Stress and strain in simple beams	
		approximate scale.			and their calculations	
	•	carries out calculations on			Moments: calculating	

#### 6.0 DETAILED LEARNING CONTENT AND COMPETENCIES FOR STEEL BENDING AND FIXING

	TOTAL DURATION		• Placement and fixing of steel bars	62
			• Steel bending and binding/tying	
			bending	
			• Tools and equipment used in steel	
	reinforcements.		• Types,	
	fabricates and places	reinforcements	• Storage,	
Reinforcements	• measures, cuts and bends,	Bend and fix	• Functions,	30
	elastic materials.			
	showing the behaviour of			
	• draws the stress strain graph		• Elasticity	
	elasticity.		Classification of loads	
	• determines the modulus of		beams	
	• insulates buildings.		hanging and cantilever	
	work.		for simply supported,	
	building industry to simplify		uniformly distributed load	
	• applies different machines in		force diagram and	
	losses in buildings.		moment diagram, shear	
	heat and minimizes heat		reactions, drawing bending	

#### ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES OF THE STEEL BENDING AND FIXING MODULE

This module will consist of two papers including a theory and a practical. Each of the papers will have a continuous assessment and a final exam.

- (a) Continuous assessment (40%)
  - Assignments (05%)
  - Practicals (25%)
  - Class tests (10%)

The continuous assessment shall consist of:

- Workshop/practical work/expert assignments
- Tests
- Assignments consisting of;
  - ➢ Class work
  - Written questions to be answered from home (homework)
  - Reports from attended industrial visits, documentaries, Field visits and presentations by professionals

The continuous assessment will be monitored and verified using assessment tools/instruments.

This will be done through the tripartite system of assessment.

(b) Final Examination

# (i) Theory examination

This paper will consist of five questions each carrying 20 marks and the trainee will be required to answer **any three** questions.

The duration for this paper will be **2 hours.** 

## (ii) Practical examination

This will consist of **one compulsory practical question**.

The marks from this exam will be converted to 60% and added to the coursework assessment. The duration for this paper will be **6 hours.** 

Submodules	Competencies	Duties and Tasks		Indicative syllabus Content	Duration
					<b>Contact hours</b>
Heat Transfer	• describes temperature, heat,	Relate heat transfer to	•	Temperature and expansion	10
	boiling point and melting	construction buildings		due to heat, effects of	
	point.			expansion in buildings,	
	• identifies and describes the			expansion of liquids in	
	three modes of heat transfer.			buildings	
	• carries out an experiment on		•	Melting-point, boiling point.	
	heat transfer through heated			specific heat, latent heat	
	metal, heated water and open			speenne neui, neui	
	space.		•	Transfer of heat in solids, liquids,	
	• illustrates using sketches the			gases, waves	
	modes of heat transfer.		•	Heat losses in buildings and simple	
				calculations	
			•	Thermal insulation and	
				transmission/movement	
				(conductivity, resistivity and	
				transmittance)	
			•	Safety standards, health and	
				environmental regulations to be	
				put in place and observed when	

#### 7.0 DETAILED LEARNING CONTENT AND COMPETENCIES FOR ROOF CONSTRUCTION
			carrying out heating and heat installations	
Roof Construction	<ul> <li>describes a roof and types of roofs.</li> <li>identifies and selects the suitable materials for roof construction.</li> <li>designs and locates the roof ventilation on a suitable orientation.</li> <li>sets out and constructs a</li> </ul>	Construct roof for buildings	<ul> <li>Definition of a roof</li> <li>Types of roofs</li> <li>Materials for roofs</li> <li>Functional requirements of roofs, types of roofs, roof coverings</li> <li>Ventilation of roofs</li> <li>Choice of roof structure</li> <li>Framed trusses, timber connectors</li> </ul>	12

	roof.		• Safety standards, health and	
	<ul> <li>describes the issues to be considered for the choice of the roof.</li> <li>frames the trusses and timber connectors.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>environmental regulations to be put in place and observed when selecting materials and constructing roof structures</li> <li>Types of suspended ceilings and advantages</li> </ul>	
Ceilings	<ul> <li>selects the suitable ceiling material.</li> <li>analyses the advantages of ceiling without joints over jointed ceiling.</li> <li>sets out the frame of ceiling.</li> <li>finishes the ceiling and its finishing.</li> <li>measures and cuts the ceiling boards as on design.</li> </ul>	Construct ceilings in buildings	<ul> <li>Types (jointed and joint less ceilings)</li> <li>Basic requirements</li> <li>Materials (plaster boards, solid timber, manufactured boards, expanded wiremetal lathe)</li> <li>Acoustic ceiling</li> <li>Safety standards, health and environmental regulations to be put in place and observed when selecting and constructing ceilings</li> </ul>	10
	TOTAL DURATION	1		32

#### ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES OF THE ROOF CONSTRUCTION MODULE

This module will consist of two papers including a theory and a practical. Each of the papers will have a continuous assessment and a final exam.

- (a) Continuous assessment (40%)
  - Assignments (05%)
  - Practicals (25%)
  - Class tests (10%)

The continuous assessment shall consist of:

- Workshop/practical work/expert assignments
- Tests
- Assignments consisting of;
  - ➢ Class work
  - Written questions to be answered from home (homework)
  - Reports from attended industrial visits, documentaries, Field visits and presentations by professionals

The continuous assessment will be monitored and verified using assessment tools/instruments.

This will be done through the tripartite system of assessment.

(b) Final Examination

# (i) Theory examination

This paper will consist of five questions each carrying 20 marks and the trainee will be required to answer **any three** questions.

The duration for this paper will be **2 hours.** 

### (ii) Practical examination

This will consist of **one compulsory practical question**.

The marks from this exam will be converted to 60% and added to the coursework assessment. The duration for this paper will be **6 hours.** 

Submodules Competencies		Dutios and Tasks	Duties and Tasks Indicative svil		<b>Duration Contact</b>	
Submodules		Competencies	Duties and Tasks	Duttes and Lasks Indicative synabus		hours
Wall finishes	•	prepares the background	Prepare and apply	•	Plastering and rendering	12
		surface ready to receive and	finishes on walls	•	Mable plaster	
		bond the coming plaster or		•	Fair faced brickwork	
		render coat.		•	Claddings	
	•	applies wall/plaster dots that		•	Roughcasting	
		aid equal thickness of		•	Pebble dash	
		incoming coat.		•	Spatter dash	
	•	applies mortar on the walls		•	Safety standards, health and	
		and to a fair level.			environmental regulations to	
	•	cuts the applied and set			be put in place and observed	
		mortar in reference to the			when the constructing and	
		plaster dots.			installing finishes	
	•	applies white lime on				
		plastered walls.				
	•	applies rough cast.				
	•	builds facing bricks on the				
		walls in form of cladding.				
Gypsum Plasters	•	applies gypsum plasters on	Apply gypsum plasters	•	Definition of gypsum plasters	18
		walls and ceiling surfaces.	to finish wall and	•	Manufacture of gypsum	
	•	manufactures gypsum	ceiling surfaces.		plasters	

#### 8.0 DETAILED LEARNING CONTENT AND COMPETENCIES FOR WALL FINISHES

plaster.	Types and uses of plaster;	
prepares surfaces to receive	plaster of Paris, anhydrous	
gypsum plaster.	gypsum plasters	
classifies gypsum plasters.	Plaster classification (classes	
	A, B, C, D)	
	Tests for classes and premixed	
	light weight plasters (BS)	
	• Safety, health and	
	environmental regulations	
	observed when using	
	gypsumplasters and boards	
TOTAL DURATION		30

#### ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES OF THE STEEL WALL FINISHES MODULE

This module will consist of two papers including a theory and a practical. Each of the papers will have a continuous assessment and a final exam.

- (a) Continuous assessment (40%)
  - Assignments (05%)
  - Practicals (25%)
  - Class tests (10%)

The continuous assessment shall consist of:

- Workshop/practical work/expert assignments
- Tests
- Assignments consisting of;
  - Class work
  - Written questions to be answered from home (homework)
  - Reports from attended industrial visits, documentaries, Field visits and presentations by professionals

The continuous assessment will be monitored and verified using assessment tools/instruments.

This will be done through the tripartite system of assessment.

(b) Final Examination

#### (iii) Theory examination

This paper will consist of five questions each carrying 20 marks and the trainee will be required to answer **any five** questions.

The marks from this exam will be converted to 60% and added to the coursework assessment.

The duration for this paper will be 2 hours.

#### (iv) Practical examination

This will consist of **one compulsory practical question**.

The marks from this exam will be converted to 60% and added to the coursework assessment. The duration for this paper will be **6 hours.** 

Submodules	Competencies	Duties and Tasks	Indicative syllabus Content	<b>Duration Contact</b>
				hours
Painting	• uses different types of paint.	Prepare and paint wall	• Types of paint – high	10
	• prepares the surface and	surfaces	gloss, oil paint, emulsion	
	applies paint.		paint, silk vinyl, and	
	• identifies defects and		weatherguard	
	remedies.		• Surface preparation for paint	
	• discusses the advantages of		• Tools and equipment used for	
	emulsion paint over high		paint work	
	gloss paints.		• Defects in painting	
			• Advantages of emulsion paints	
			over high gloss	
			• Safety standards, health and	
			environmental regulations	
			to be put in place and	
			observed when selecting	
			paint materials and using	
			paint	
	TOTAL DURATION	1	1	10

## 9.0 DETAILED LEARNING CONTENT AND COMPETENCIES FOR PAINTING

#### ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES OF THE PAINTING MODULE

This module will consist of one practical paper which will have a continuous assessment and a final exam.

- (a) Continuous assessment (40%)
  - Assignments (05%)
  - Practicals (25%)
  - Class tests (10%)

The continuous assessment shall consist of:

- Workshop/practical work/expert assignments
- Tests
- Assignments consisting of;
  - Class work
  - Written questions to be answered from home (homework)
  - Reports from attended industrial visits, documentaries, Field visits and presentations by professionals

The continuous assessment will be monitored and verified using assessment tools/instruments.

This will be done through the tripartite system of assessment.

(b) Final Examination

This will consist of **one compulsory practical question**.

The duration for this paper will be **6 hours.** 

Submodules	Competencies	Duties and Tasks	Indicative syllabus Content	Duration Contact hours
Laying of tiles	• calculates the number of tiles	Prepare and lay tiles	Wall and floor tiles	24
	for a particular surface.	both on floors and	• Calculating number of tiles	
	• applies adhesive/ mortar on	walls.	• Marking and cutting tiles	
	wall surfaces and lays wall		• Setting and laying wall tiles	
	tiles.		• Setting and laying polyvinyl	
	• cuts the floor or wall tiles.		chloride (PVC) and ceramic	
	• prepares the sub-base ready		floor tiles	
	to receive and bond the tiles.		• Using both adhesive and cement	
	• selects the correct tiles for		mortar	
	the desired purpose.		• Applying spacers	
			• Laying floor screed for tiles	
			• Safety, health and	
			environmental regulations to	
			be put in place and observed	
			when laying wall or floor	
			tiles	
	TOTAL DURATION			24

## 10.0 DETAILED LEARNING CONTENT AND COMPETENCIES FOR TILING

#### ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES OF THE PAINTING MODULE

This module will consist of one practical paper which will have a continuous assessment and a final exam.

- (a) Continuous assessment (40%)
  - Assignments (05%)
  - Practicals (25%)
  - Class tests (10%)

The continuous assessment shall consist of:

- Workshop/practical work/expert assignments
- Tests
- Assignments consisting of;
  - ➢ Class work
  - Written questions to be answered from home (homework)
  - Reports from attended industrial visits, documentaries, Field visits and presentations by professionals

The continuous assessment will be monitored and verified using assessment tools/instruments.

This will be done through the tripartite system of assessment.

(b) Final Examination

This will consist of **one compulsory practical question**.

The duration for this paper will be **6 hours.** 

# **MODULE NAME: TECHNICIAN MATHEMATICS**

## **MODULE OUTCOME:**

The trainee should be able to convert metric units and use them in costing of materials, apply trigonometry to set out simplebuildings, calculate the areas and volumes of various objects and evaluate vectors.

## **COMPETENCES:**

- Convert millimetres to metres, kilograms to Newtons and tons.
- Calculate numbers involving highest common multiple (HCM) and lowest common multiple (LCM).
- Calculate percentages in relation to material costing.
- Calculate areas of irregular objects using Simpson, mid ordinate and trapezoidal rules.
- Interpret the drawings by taking scale rule measurements.
- Use the area and volume calculation methods to cost the materials for a given task.
- Cost the bricks, tiles and cement using the areas of irregular figures (Simpson, mid ordinate rule and trapezoidal rule).
- Apply the laws of indices in solving indicial equations.
- Rationalize and manipulates indicial equations.
- Evaluate the logarithms.
- Manipulate trigonometrically ratios of 300, 450, 600 and their application in finding the areas of plots of land and other surfaces.
- Calculate the heights and other distances or sides of triangles.
- Determine the areas of roofs and walls using the sine, cosine and tangent formulae.
- Apply matrices to solve solutions of sets of linear equations.
- Represent the identities applied in complex numbers.
- Add and subtract complex numbers.
- Manipulate equal, polar and exponential forms of equations of complex numbers.
- Graphically represent complex numbers to standard forms.
- Manipulate equations involving vectors by addition, subtraction and multiplication.
- Represent vectors on graphs.

S/N	TASK	CONTENT	DURATION
1.	Carry out	Sub-module 1: Basic S.I Units and Arithmetic	08 Hours
	measurements and	Algebra	
	make computations	• Metric conversion of S.I Units	
	during different	• Fractions (LCM and HCM) and decimals	
	construction activities	• Percentages, ratios and proportions	
		Sub-module 2: Mensuration	12 Hours
		• Calculation of area, perimeter, volume and	
		total surface area for regular and irregular	
		figures	
		• Interpretation of given drawings/diagrams	
		Cost calculations	
		• Areas of irregular figures [Simpson rule, mid	
		ordinate rule, trapezoidal rule.}	
		Sub-module 3: Indices and Logarithms	20 Hours
		• Laws of indices and standard form, fractional	
		indices, negative indices	
		• Indicial equation	
		• Multiplication and division of indices	
		• Rationalisation and equations involving indices	
		• Rules of logarithms	
		• Common logarithms, change of base	
		• Equations involving logarithmic functions,	
		exponential functions and logarithmic	
		graphs.	
		• Natural logarithms.	
		Sub-module 4: Trigonometry	26 Hours
		• The general angle	
		• Pythagoras theorem	
		• Graphs of trigonometrical functions	
		• Trigonometrical ratios of 30 <sup>o</sup> , 45 <sup>o</sup> , 60 <sup>o</sup>	

	• The sine formula	
	Cosine formula	
	• Tangent formula	
	• Half angle formula	
	• Heights and distances.	
	Sub-module 5: Matrices	14 Hours
	• Addition and subtraction of matrices	
	• Multiplication and division of a square matrix	
	• Application, order and types of matrices	
	• Transpose and inverse of a square matrix	
	• Determinants	
	• Solution to a set of linear equations.	
	Sub-module 6: Complex Numbers	16 Hours
	• Equal complex numbers	
	• Graphical representation of complex numbers	
	• Polar form of complex numbers	
	• Exponential form of a complex number	
	Sub-module 7: Vectors	16 Hours
	• Introduction to vector representation	
	Manipulation of vectors	
	• Types of vectors	
	Addition of vectors	
	• Subtraction of vectors	

#### ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES OF TECHNICIAN MATHEMATICS MODULE

This module will consist of one written paper which will have a continuous assessment and a final exam.

- (a) Continuous assessment (40%)
  - Assignments (15%)
  - Class tests (25%)

The continuous assessment shall consist of:

- Tests
- Assignments consisting of;
  - Class work
  - Written questions to be answered from home (homework)
  - Reports from attended industrial visits, documentaries, Field visits and presentations by professionals

The continuous assessment will be monitored and verified using assessment tools/instruments. This will be done through the tripartite system of assessment.

(b) Final Examination

This paper will consist of eight questions each carrying 20 marks and the trainee will be required to answer **any five** questions.

The marks from this exam will be converted to 60% and added to the coursework assessment.

The duration for this paper will be **3 hours.** 

# MODULE NAME: LIFE SKILLS

#### **MODULE OUTCOME:**

The trainee should be able to write reports, communicate with others and make presentations.

#### **COMPETENCES:**

- Communicate effectively in the field of work.
- Narrate the order in which events happened and gives objective arguments.
- Prepare seminar documents and makes presentations.
- Prepare a public document and presents it.
- Practice good labour laws and good safety.
- Improve the working environment for effective production and output.

S/N	TASK	CONTENT	DURATION
1.	Interact and	Sub-module 1: Introduction to Communication	6 Hours
	communicate with other	Skills	
	workers within the work	• Fundamental skills:	
	sites and other	✓ reading,	
	communities	✓ listening	
		$\checkmark$ note taking and note making	
		$\checkmark$ speaking and interaction skills	
		Conducting meetings and interviews	
		Interpersonal skills	
		Workplace communication	
		<ul> <li>Sub-module 2: Writing Skills</li> <li>Academic writing: <ul> <li>technical and scientific report writing</li> <li>curriculum vitae and resume writing</li> <li>authority and delegation letters</li> <li>writing of circulars</li> </ul> </li> <li>Office and business writing: <ul> <li>intra and inter-office communication</li> <li>business correspondence and memo writing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	10 Hours

Sub-module 3: Introduction to HIV and AIDS	
• Background of HIV and AIDS : meaning,	4 Hours
definition, history, currenttrends and	
prevalence	
• Myths and misconception on HIV and AIDS	
• Basic facts on HIV and AIDS.	
(This sub-module could be left to be covered in	
Health and safety)	
Sub-module 4: Discourse Writing	
• Definition and descriptive writing	10 Hours
Comparison and contrast	
• Narration and arguments	
Sub-module 5: Presentations	6 Hours
• Seminar document preparation and	
presentation	
• Classroom report preparation and assessment	
presentations	
• Public document preparation and	
presentations	
Sub-module 6: Spread and Control Measures	4 Hours
of HIV and AIDS	
• Modes of transmission	
Risk factors	
• Prevention of HIV and AIDS	
Behaviour change	
Sub-module 7: Oral Communication Skills	6 Hours
• Listening and speaking	
• Conducting meetings and interviews	
• Phone messaging	
• Customer care language	
Sub-module 8: Working Environment	4 Hours
• Labour laws and regulations	

Health and safety	
• Environment	
• Gender and mainstreaming of gender	
• Population growth / trends	
Human rights	
Social structure	
Economic structure	
• Sub-module 9: Impact and Interventions of	06 Hours
HIV and AIDS	
• Impact of HIV and AIDS	
• Interventions to combat HIV and AIDS	
• Counselling and testing	
• Treatment, care and support	
• Mitigation of stigma and discrimination	
• Disclosure of HIV status	
• HIV and AIDS workplace policy for Uganda	

# ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES OF COMMUNICATION SKILLS MODULE

This module will consist of one written paper which will have a continuous assessment and a final exam.

- (a) Continuous assessment (40%)
  - Assignments (15%)
  - Class tests (25%)

The continuous assessment shall consist of:

- Tests
- Assignments consisting of;
  - ➢ Class work
  - Written questions to be answered from home (homework)
  - Reports from attended industrial visits, documentaries, Field visits and presentations by professionals

The continuous assessment will be monitored and verified using assessment tools/instruments.

This will be done through the tripartite system of assessment.

(b) Final Examination

This paper will consist of eight questions each carrying 20 marks and the trainee will be required to answer **any five** questions.

The marks from this exam will be converted to 60% and added to the coursework assessment.

The duration for this paper will be **3 hours.** 

# **MODULE NAME: COMPUTER APPLICATIONS**

# **MODULE OUTCOME:**

The trainee should be able to connect and use computer in report writing, presentation, print documents and communication through internet.

#### **COMPETENCES:**

- Identify icons on desktop and their application.
- Start, create or open a Word window.
- Work with text and manage files.
- Use Word menus for document editing, e.g. copy, paste, cut.
- Save a Word document.
- Save a document in different formats and to a storage media, e.g. flash disc.
- Format a page and documents.
- Merge, deletes and inserts excel cells.
- Make the spreadsheets.
- Format spreadsheets for printing.
- Prepare bills of quantities (accounts figures) using excel.
- Apply excel formulae in adding, multiplying, subtracting and dividing calculations.
- Draw charts and graphs using excel and the Internet.
- Prepare work on Ms PowerPoint slides.
- Edit the work on slides.
- Activate animations on the selected slide design.
- Make a PowerPoint presentation.
- Run a full slide show.
- Differentiates between wireless and cable networking.
- Connect a network cable to computers.
- Install network modem to a personal computer (PC).
- Troubleshoot simple network connection problems.
- Write and send email messages.
- Read received mails.
- Draw charts and graphs using the Internet.
- Copy files and save documents from one location to another

S/N	TASK	CONTENT	DURATION
1.	Apply computer office	Sub-module 1: Introduction to Computer	10 Hours
	packages in writing	Origin of computers	
	reports, data analysis,	• Types of computers and computer hardware	
	presentation and use of	(central processing unit (CPU), hard disk	
	internet to	drives, modem, keyboard, etc)	
	communicate	Computer accessories: scanners, projectors,	
		external speakers	
		• Keyboard basics: function keys, numeric keys	
		and navigation keys	
		• Starting a computer, closing down the computer	
		Computer software: classification, types, usage and	
		computer components;(video card, network cards,	
		cables, read only memory (ROM), random access	
		memory (RAM), monitors, printers, cameras,	
		processors)	
		<ul> <li>Sub-module 2: Operating System</li> <li>Functions of an operating system</li> <li>Types, classification and benefits of operating systems</li> <li>Installation of Widows operating system and application software</li> </ul>	6 Hours
		Sub-module 3: Desktop Main Menu	04 Hours
		• Start menu	
		Applications menu	
		• Working with the desktop: background, screen	
		saver	
		Manipulating open Windows: resizing,	
		maximizing, minimizing, task pane, and tiling	
		Windows, etc	
		• Copying files from different locations	
		Icons, files and folders	
		Sub-module 4: Word Processing	20 Hours

Starting, creating and opening a Word window	
Working with text	
• Word menus for document editing e.g. copy,	
paste, cut	
Saving a Word document	
• Saving a document in different formats and to a	
storage media, e.g. flash disc	
• Formatting a page and documents: paper size,	
background colours	
Working with tables: rows and columns	
Working with drawings, ClipArt and pictures	
Mail merging	
Sub-module 5: Working with Spreadsheets	16 Hours
Creating an excel document	
Opening and closing an excel document	
• Entering data to a worksheet, editing and	
formatting a datasheet	
Using formulas and functions	
Creating/plotting charts and graphs from excel	
data values	
Inserting tables to excel worksheet.	
• Printing a spreadsheet; page setup, gridlines	
Sub-module 6: PowerPoint Presentations	14 Hours
•Creating a new presentation	
•Opening and closing a presentation	
•Saving a presentation document	
•Transferring a presentation to a storage media in	
different formats	
•Adding and formatting text, pictures and media	
•Creating and running a slideshow	
• Printing presentation slides.	
Sub-module 7: Printing, Scanning and Copying	8 Hours

Documents	
Printing documents	
• Working with printer cartridges and toners	
Scanning documents and pictures	
Copying documents	
Sub-module 8: Internet and Electronic Mail	16 Hours
• The Internet, web browsers	
• Opening a website; website address (url)	
• Internet searching and search engines	
• Saving information from the Internet,	
downloading files, music, pictures to the	
computer	
• Electronic mail (email):	
creating email accounts	
• email folders and attachments	
• attaching documents to outgoing email	
• downloading email attachments from incoming	
email	
formatting mail	
• searching mail	
Printing mail	
Sub-module 9: Basic Networking	18 Hours
• Introduction to computer networking	
• Types of network: wide area networks (WAN),	
local area network (LAN)	
• Types of communication media: cables,	
wireless, optic fibres	
• Local area network topologies: star, ring, mesh,	
bar	
• Connecting a computer to a network	
• Configuring an Internet Protocol Address (IPA)	
• Creating a simple network of at least two	

computers	
• Sharing files between computers on a simple	
network	
Troubleshooting simple connection problems	
• Connecting and configuring a printer on a	
network	

## ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES OF THE COMPUTER APPLICATIONS MODULE

This module will consist of one practical paper which will have a continuous assessment and a final exam.

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  - Assignments (05%)
  - Practicals (25%)
  - Class tests (10%)

The continuous assessment shall consist of:

- Workshop/practical work/expert assignments
- Tests
- Assignments consisting of;
  - ➢ Class work
  - Written questions to be answered from home (homework)
  - Reports from attended industrial visits, documentaries, Field visits and presentations by professionals

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(b) Final Examination

This paper will consist of **three practical questions** carrying 50 marks each. The trainee will be required to answer any two questions.

The duration for this paper will be 2 hours.

# **MODULE NAME: REAL LFE PROJECT**

### **MODULE OUTCOME:**

The trainee should be able to set out buildings, build, erect, **appot** formwork and observe construction regulations.

## **COMPETENCES:**

- Appreciate his/her existence as an upcoming technician.
- Take care of the tools and equipment under his/her control.
- Select the appropriate materials for the project.
- Identify the correct tools, equipment and machines for the project/job.
- Develop a designed sketch of the required work.
- Follow sequence for operation.
- Interpret working drawing.
- Observe safety and health at the sites and workshops.
- Treat formwork against concrete getting stack on the sides.
- Cure cement finished products and surfaces for at least 14 days.
- Carryout site fencing/hoarding.
- Mould clay bricks and burns them.
- Manufacture pavers, concrete and ventilated improved pit latrine (VIP) slabs.
- Construct floors concrete floors.
- Set out buildings.
- Estimate and costs for the required materials.
- Negotiate for labour of doing work.

S/N	TASK	CONTENT	DURATION
1.	Carry out a complete	Possible projects (choose one, or two or a	112 Hours
	real life project to	maximum of three projects that are to be	(Term I =
	enhance the skills	completed during. A real project should be	40 Hours,
	gained during the	verifiable)	Term II
	specified period of	• Construction of a straight flight stair, thresholds	= 40 Hours
	study	or ramps	and Third
		• Making of road and compound pavers and kerbs	Term = 32
		• Construction of school compound road kerbs and	Hours)
		pavers	

•	Landscaping/levelling the school compound
	to some defined level, planting the designed
	green environment and building retaining
	walls to that effect
•	Building a rest shade including the roof
•	Building a boundary wall including finishing
•	Construction of a VIP latrine in the community,
	church/ mosque or within theinstitution
•	Carrying out site fencing/hoarding
•	Moulding clay bricks and burning them
•	Manufacturing concrete culverts and VIP slabs
•	Plastering walls to required finish
•	Flooring concrete floors
•	Setting out buildings and negotiating for labour of
	doing work
•	Estimating and costing for the required materials
•	Constructing a gate house
•	Constructing a kitchen
•	Renovating institutional and
	neighbourhood buildings, aprons, roofs and
	surface finishing
•	Building bathrooms
•	Building tank stands
•	Building open channel water ways
No	te:
•	The selected project(s) should be completed by the
	end of First Year.
•	Safety, health and environmental regulations
	should be observed

# **MODULE NAME: INDUSTRIAL TRAINING**

# **MODULE OUTCOME:**

The trainee should be able to attain practical skills in building construction and its management.

#### **COMPETENCES:**

By the end of the module, the trainee should be able to;

- Perform building construction and its related tasks.
- Manufacture products using mass and reinforced concrete.
- Plumb and levels walls.
- Apply plaster and render on surfaces.
- Write and makes presentations on industrial/field/site work.
- Set out and starts erecting simple buildings.
- Erect lintel and beam formwork.
- Keep site records.

S/N	TASK	CONTENT	DURATION
1.	Perform different	• Safety standards, health and environmental	288 Hours
	routine tasks in the	regulations to be put in place and observed	
	industry or world of	when moving and executing tasks in the	
	work in the area of	industry or site	
	building construction	• Acquaintance with industry and sites	
		• Familiarization with equipment, tools and sites	
		• Acquisition of skills in repair, maintenance	
		and construction of new buildings and	
		structures	
		Manufacture of mass and reinforced concrete	
		products	
		• Road works culvert installation, simple bridge	
		construction	
		Setting out buildings	
		• Erecting formwork and scaffold	
		Drainage works	

# **MODULE NAME: ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS**

### **MODULE OUTCOME:**

The trainee should be able to exhibit the characteristics and qualities of a good entrepreneur, conduct a feasibility study and design a business plan, produce goods/services for sale, market the products, and

manage financial and human resources of the business.

#### **COMPETENCES:**

- Determine the sources of business ideas.
- Scan the environment for business opportunities.
- Generate ideas for the business.
- Select a viable business idea.
- Obtain business rights.
- Exploit business opportunities.
- Register a business.
- Mobilize resources for starting a business.
- Locate a business in a suitable environment.
- Determine the cost of production.
- Set quality standards in production.
- Design appropriate packaging for the product.
- Add value to the product.
- Carry out a market survey.
- Identify the market for the product.
- Apply the 4Ps in marketing a product.
- Distribute products using the most suitable channels.
- Promote the product for sale.
- Maintain basic business records.
- Compute business profits/losses.
- Prepare simple cash flow statements.
- Manage revenues and expenditures to maximise profits.
- Orient the business employees.
- Maintain a motivated workforce.
- Appraise staff.
- Incorporate a compensation policy for his/her employees.
- Share responsibilities with employees.
- Devise means of overcoming barriers to creative thinking.

- Select the most appropriate form of business ownership to operate.
- Prepare a simple business plan.
- Prepare a simple budget for the business.
- Register a business.
- Mobilize resources for starting a business.
- Locate a business in a suitable environment.
- Source for contract information
- Prepare bid documents.
- Comply with the tender requirements.
- Execute contracts economically and efficiently.
- Open and manages a bank account.
- Differentiate between commercial banks and micro-finance institutions.
- Acquire and services a loan.
- Select the most appropriate insurance policy (ies) for the business.
- Observe the insurance principles.
- Manage the challenges encountered in insurance.
- Seek compensation when loss is suffered.
- Recognize the importance of paying taxes.
- Identify the taxes paid by small businesses.
- Calculate the tax payable.
- File tax returns.

S/N	TASK	CONTENT	DURATION
1.	Manage contracts,	Sub-module 1: Introduction to Entrepreneurship	03 Hours
	lobby for financial	• Meaning of entrepreneurship	
	services for the	• Qualities of an entrepreneur	
	business, insure the	• Entrepreneurial ethics	
		Sub-module 2: Environmental Analysis	10 Hours

business and pay the	Meaning of environment	
taxes.	• Scanning the environment for business	
	opportunities	
	Generating business ideas	
	• Evaluation and selection of business ideas	
	• Protection of business (Trademark and patent	
	rights)	
	Sub-module 3: Innovation and Creativity	04 Hours
	• Meaning of innovation and creativity	
	• Characteristics of innovative and creative	
	persons	
	Forces of innovation	
	• Barriers to creativity and innovation	
	Sub-module 4: Business Planning	09 Hours
	• Forms of small business ownership (Sole	
	proprietorship and Partnership)	
	• Uses of a business plan	
	• Parts of a business plan	
	• Writing a simple business plan	
	• Developing a simple budget	
	Sub-module 5: Implementing a Business Plan	04 Hours
	• Registering a sole proprietorship and partnership	
	Mobilising business resources	
	✓ Financial resources	
	✓ Human resources	
	✓ Plant, machinery and equipment	
	• Locating a business	
	Sub-module 6: Production	06 Hours
	Production costing	
	• Packaging (Protection , Handling, Preservation	
	and presentation of a product)	

•	Value addition	
Su	b-module 7: Marketing	06 Hours
•	Market survey	
•	Marketing mix - Price, Place, People, Product	
	(4Ps)	
•	Sales promotion	
Su	b Module 8: Financial Management	12 Hours
•	Bookkeeping (recording transactions,	
	source documents, journals, balancing	
	accounts, trial balance, bank reconciliation)	
•	Simple income statement, balance sheet and cash	
	flow statements	
Su	b-module 9: Human Resource Management	06 Hours
•	Orientation	
•	Importance of motivation	
•	Performance appraisal	
•	Compensation in compliance with labour laws	
•	Need for delegation and challenges encountered	
•	Common causes of conflicts in small enterprises	
•	Importance of teamwork	
•	Settling conflicts at workplace	
Su	b-module 10: Contracting Process	06 Hours
•	Sources of contract information	
•	Bid preparation	
•	Contract execution and compliance	
Su	b-module 11: Banking	06 Hours
•	Services offered by commercial banks, micro	
	finance institutions and SACCOs	
•	Types of accounts (savings, current and fixed	
	deposit)	
•	Acquiring and servicing loans	

5	Sub-module 12: Insurance for Small Businesses	6 Hours
•	• Life assurance and property insurance	
	Principles of insurance	
•	• Process of getting compensation	
5	Sub-module 13: Taxation	6 Hours
	• Reasons for paying taxes	
	Common taxes paid by small businesses	
	- Local service tax	
	- Property tax	
	- Value added tax (VAT)	
	- Income tax	
	- Market dues	
	- Ground rent	
	- Trade licence	
	• Calculating VAT and income tax payable	
	• Filing tax returns	

# ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS MODULE

This module will consist of one written paper which will have a continuous assessment and a final exam.

- (a) Continuous assessment (40%)
  - Assignments (15%)
  - Class tests (25%)

The continuous assessment shall consist of:

- Tests
- Assignments consisting of;
  - Class work
  - Written questions to be answered from home (homework)
  - Reports from attended industrial visits, documentaries, Field visits and presentations by professionals

The continuous assessment will be monitored and verified using assessment tools/instruments.

This will be done through the tripartite system of assessment.

(b) Final Examination

This paper will consist of eight questions each carrying 20 marks and the trainee will be required to answer **any five** questions.

The marks from this exam will be converted to 60% and added to the coursework assessment.

The duration for this paper will be **3 hours.** 

### **MODULE NAME: KISWAHILI**

#### **MODULE OUTCOME:**

The trainee should be able to communication in Kiswahili during execution and management of engineering works.

#### **COMPETENCES:**

- Acknowledge the importance of learning and using Kiswahili language.
- Greet peers, supervisors and others in Kiswahili.
- Name places and people in their capacities.
- Appreciate others by saying thank you and well-done in Kiswahili.
- Count numbers 0-1,000,000 in Kiswahili.
- Identify and names the parts of the human body in Kiswahili.
- Name domestic animals, birds and insects in Kiswahili.
- Mention the days of the week, names the months of the year and tells the true dates.
- Identify and names the tools and equipment and states their uses in Kiswahili.
- Differentiate the responsibilities and tasks performed by technicians in Kiswahili.
- Identify and names the materials used in engineering.
- Develop good attitude towards work, customers and the general public.
- Welcome and handles customers with care and willingness in Kiswahili.
- Advertise the product in Kiswahili.

S/N	TASK	CONTENT	DURATION
1.	Interact and	Sub-module 1: Introduction to Kiswahili	2 Hours
	communicate with	• Origin and spread of Kiswahili	
	clients in Kiswahili	• Importance of Kiswahili to Ugandans and other	
		East African countries	
		Sub-module 2: Polite Language	18 Hours
		• Greetings to peers, age mates, parents, elderly	
		and supervisors	
		• Salutations at different times of the day	
		• Appreciation and saying `thank you' for work	
		done, gifts, food and so on	
		• Asking for directions, assistance, food and so	
		on	
		• Names of places, like schools, hospitals,	
		markets, garages, roads, airports, water wells,	
		forests, villages, towns, sites, hills	
		• Names of people and professional titles like	

technicians, nurses, messengers, watchmen,	
drivers, doctors, teachers and students	
Sub-module 3: Comprehension	10 Hours
• Vowels a e i o u	
• Consonants b, ch, d, dh, f, g, gh, h, j, k, l, m, n,	
ng, ny, p, r, s, sh, t, th, v, w, y, z.	
• Counting and numbers 0-9, 10- 1,000,000	
• Daily and common activities and sayings:	
`welcome', `have a seat', `thank you',	
`wish you well', `sorry'	
• Parts of the human body like head, legs, hands	
Sub-module 4: General Vocabulary	10 Hours
• Names of domestic animals like goats, sheep,	
cows, pigs, rabbits, dogs, cats	
• Names of domestic birds like ducks, turkeys,	
hens	
• Names of insects like mosquitoes, flies,	
cockroaches	
• Months in a year, days of the week, dates and	
telling time	
• Names of objects like doors, windows	
• Common usage of Kiswahili, home and garden	
activities	
• Common mistakes to be avoided	
Sub-module 5: Specific Trade (Professional	6 Hours
related ) Vocabulary	
• Names of tools and equipment used by a	
technician	
• Tasks performed by a technician	
• Titles of officers in engineering	
• Names of materials used in engineering	

Sub-module 6: Customer Care and Language	10 Hours
• Attitude to customers, public and the job	
• Public relations and persuasive business	
language	
Advert of products	
• Handling customers: welcoming them, asking	
whether they need help, and thanking them	

#### ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES OF KISWAHILI MODULE

This module will consist of one written paper which will have a continuous assessment and a final exam.

- (a) Continuous assessment (40%)
  - Assignments (15%)
  - Class tests (25%)

The continuous assessment shall consist of:

- Tests
- Assignments consisting of;
  - Class work
  - Written questions to be answered from home (homework)
  - Reports from attended industrial visits, documentaries, Field visits and presentations by professionals

The continuous assessment will be monitored and verified using assessment tools/instruments. This will be done through the tripartite system of assessment.

(b) Final Examination

The paper shall consist of **two** sections; Section **A** (General Kiswahili) and Section **B** (Professional). Section **A** shall consist of **five** questions and a candidate will be required to answer any **three**. Section **B** shall consists of **three** questions and a candidate shall be required to answer any **two**. All questions shall carry equal marks.

The marks from this exam will be converted to 60% and added to the coursework assessment.

The duration for this paper will be **3 hours.** 

# MODULE NAME: COMPUTER AIDED BUILDING DRAWING

#### **MODULE OUTCOME:**

The trainee should be able to design, draw and produce drawings of different building elements and working drawings in computer.

### **COMPETENCES:**
- Install automatic computer aided drawing (AutoCAD) into the computer.
- Identify and uses AutoCAD commands during the development of the drawing.
- Develop the design perception of some form, makes the sketch and uses AutoCAD to draw it.
- Draw the ground plan, the correct section and the elevations.
- Design and draw the roof details, the door and window elevations.
- Make the title block and writes supporting specifications for foundation, neat walls, roof, ceilings and schedules.
- Print the complete drawing.
- Identify and uses AutoCAD commands to draw the required and designed arch on the window, door and other openings.
- Construct semi-circular arches, segmental, three centred, four centred, drop gothic, lancet and equilateral on a specified opening to the correct measurements.
- Supports the wood centre with props and sole plates during arch construction.
- Draw the plans, sections and elevations of inspection chambers and manholes, water closets and sinks, septic tanks, soak away pits and cesspools.
- Develop the block and drainage site layout plan showing the position of the proposed drainage pipeline in accordance with the existing site conditions and designed gradient.
- Draw specified cladding finishes to the satisfaction of the client.
- Apply cladding units on the intended surface.
- Design, draw and make recessed and projecting plaster and render coats to form a decorative cladding on walls and ceiling surfaces.
- Plan and design the site layout in accordance with the site contours, topography and clients interest.
- Design and draw boundary walls, giving provisions of draining off the surface water from the compound.
- Design and draw formwork for lintels, beams and slabs.
- Draw the shoring support systems.
- Set out and construct formwork.
- Design and draw stair formwork.
- Determine the number of steps for a designed stair.
- Construct stairs, thresholds and ramps.

S/N	TASK	CONTENT	DURATION
1.	Draw and produce	Sub-module 1: AutoCAD Basics	30 Hours
	working drawings	• Introduction to computer aided drawing (CAD)	
	using autoCAD	Need for CAD	
		• AutoCAD commands (lines, offset, trim,	
		extend, erase, mirror, fillet, hatch, scale,	
		dimension, layers, blocks, zoom, chamfer,	
		circle and arcs)	
		• Drawing of simple structures like plan,	
		section and elevations of ventilated	
		improved latrine, gate house, kitchen, one-	
		to two-bedroom building plans	
		• Strip and pad foundations details and	
		specification of materials	
		• Roof truss, wall plate, purlins, rafters, lean to	
		roofs, concrete flat roofs, hippedroof, gable	
		end roof and joints used during roof	
		construction	
		• Hard board, soft board, timber and concrete	
		ceilings	
		Facias and barge boards	
		• Elevations of panelled, framed, brace and	
	ledged, flush doors and windows Sub-module 2: Construction of Arches		
			08 Hours
		• Drawing of arches on the real designed simple	
		building plans:	
		✓ semi-circular	
		✓ segmental	
		$\checkmark$ three centred	
		$\checkmark$ four centred	
		✓ drop gothic	
		✓ lancet	

	✓ equilateral	
	✓ wood centre	
	✓ supporting arch centres	
Su	b-module 3: Drainage Facilities	10 Hours
•	Drawing of water supply and drainage	
	facilities on the real designed simple	
	building plans:	
	$\checkmark$ inspection chambers and manholes	
	$\checkmark$ water closets and sinks	
	✓ septic tanks	
	✓ soak away pits	
	✓ cesspools	
	$\checkmark$ open channels to gradient	
Su	b-module 4: Cladding	06 Hours
•	Supporting cladding upon bonder course,	
	concrete nib	
•	Corbel plate and bonder	
•	Facing bricks and tile finishes	
•	Plaster and render coats finish designs (recessing	
	and projecting)	
Su	b-module 5: Elementary Landscaping	06 Hours
•	Block and structural site layout planning and	
	design:	
	✓ site levelling	
	$\checkmark$ orientation of the building	
	✓ greening provisions (hedges, beauty	
	shrubs, flower patterns, grass and tree	
	planting logic)	
	✓ parking provisions	
	$\checkmark$ open water runway channels and drainage	
	✓ boundary walls	
•	access roads	

Sub-1	module 6: Temporary Works	14 Hours
• Fo	ormwork (definition, types and regulations)	
• A	utoCAD plans, cross and vertical sections of:	
✓ ×	formwork for lintels/ ring beams/floor slabs	
✓ ×	walls, canopies, kerbs, balconies	
• Sł	noring (definition, types, detailed drawings and	
re	gulations)	
• G	antries	
• Ho	ardings	
Sub-r	nodule 7: Stairs	10 Hours
• St	raight flight	
• D	og leg	
• 0	pen well	
• G	eometrical	
• TI	hresholds	
• Ra	amps	

## ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES OF THE COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN MODULE

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## (b) Final Examination

This paper will consist of **three practical questions** carrying 50 marks each. The trainee will be required to answer any **two** questions.

The duration for this paper will be **3 hours.** 

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5/1N	Module Name	(hours)	
1.	Bricklaying	268	
2.	Concreting	70	
3.	Steel Bending and fixing	62	
4.	Wall finishes	30	
5.	Roof construction	32	
6.	Tiling	24	
7.	Painting	10	
8.	Real life project	112	
		608	
9.	Computer Aided Building drawing	84	
10.	Computer applications	112	
11.	Technician Mathematics	112	
12.	Life skills	56	
13.	Entrepreneurship	84	
14.	Kiswahili	56	
	TOTAL	616	
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	Recess		
15.	Industrial training	288	

## Summary of the expected duration for modules