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*Estimated minimum amount of time required

Line Key

--- Possible route, but unlikely

— Most likely route

Start thinking about the future! Find out what interests you. This will help you make decisions about what you want to do after school.

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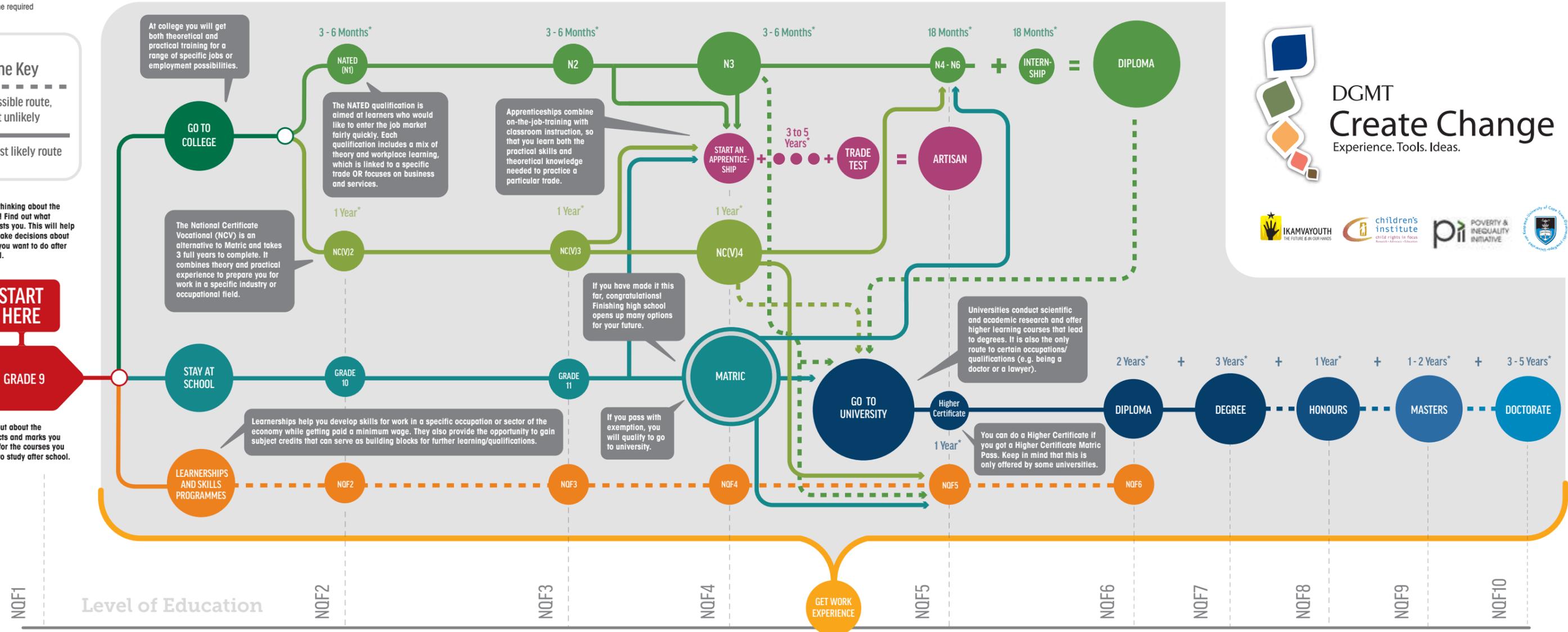
GRADE 9

Find out about the subjects and marks you need for the courses you want to study after school.

Pathways from school to work



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LOOK FOR WORK Finding work with a Grade 9 is tough as most employers require a Matric.

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS Being your own boss might sound great, but it is not for everyone. Your chances of success will be much better if you finish school, get work experience, and get specific skills.

VOLUNTEER Volunteering is a great way to get work experience and build your CV.

For more career information visit jobstarter.mobi or www.ikamvayouthzone.org/yazi/

STAY AT SCHOOL

Your Grade 11 marks are important – some universities use them for provisional acceptance.

Always apply to more than one institution after school. This will improve your chances of getting into a course you want.

If you feel that you need help with your studies, have failed Matric, or left school before finishing and want to return, have a look at your options here: jobstarter.mobi Don't give up!

If you get a Higher Certificate Matric pass, you can do a Higher Certificate at TVET colleges and at some universities. This can be a stepping stone to further studies. It is the same as an NQF5.

THE NATED ROUTE

Take this route if you would like to enter the job market fairly quickly. You can start N1 (NQF2) with just a Grade 9, but you should note that most Nated courses start at N4 (NQF5). To start at N4, you will need a Matric.

There are different admission requirements for different colleges and courses. Make sure you know what they are.

N1 to N3 can be completed within 18 months and gives you the same NQF level as Matric. Technically, you would be qualified to go to a traditional university, but most traditional universities give preference to students with a Matric.

Your best option is to complete N4 to N6 over 18 months, and then another 18 months doing an internship to qualify for a diploma.

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This is a good option if you don't feel that school is the best option for you or if you left school before completing Matric and still want to get a qualification that is on the same NQF level as a Matric. But remember, it's not necessarily easier than school!

BECOME AN APPRENTICE

If you are interested in becoming an apprentice, first speak to qualified artisans and, where possible, visit their places of work to see if this is the type of work you would like to do.

THE UNIVERSITY ROUTE

Get familiar with the types of universities and how they structure their courses:

Traditional universities (e.g. University of Cape Town); universities of technology (e.g. Cape Peninsula University of Technology); and comprehensive universities (e.g. University of Johannesburg).

Many courses are long and expensive, which will have significant financial and personal implications for you and your family. You can find out more about financial support in the grey column.

LEARNERSHIPS AND SKILLS PROGRAMMES

Entry requirements vary, e.g. some might require Matric and/or specific subjects like maths/computer literacy.

Starting a learnership is not easy. You first need to find a company that will employ you and provide you with workplace experience.

LOOK FOR WORK

Things to consider when looking for work:

- Learn how to write a great CV and cover letter, and how to do well in interviews.
- The move from being a learner/student to being an employee involves a big change. You will need to learn about the work environment so you can do well there and grow your employability skills.

Go to jobstarter.mobi for help with the above.

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Besides needing financial support, you might also need academic and emotional support to start your own business.

Find out what support is offered to entrepreneurs in your area.

You could also find a mentor. This person should be able to give you relevant advice and encouragement when you need it. Additionally, you could join a business network or forum to get connected to other entrepreneurs and business owners.

FUNDING YOUR STUDIES

Bursaries or loans can help to fund your studies. Bursaries are given to you based on your marks and your financial need. Loans, however, need to be paid back to the institution once you start working.

Note that bursaries and loans do not cover application and registration fees. Find out what these fees are way in advance so that you can start saving.

Also remember that if you get a government bursary or loan, you will need to reapply every year to prove that you still need the support.

There are various bursaries and loans available at jobstarter.mobi or www.jobstarter.co.za

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