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Dear prospective **Entrance Exam** applicant

You are invited to complete the RPL for Access process (also called the AFDA Entrance Exam), which is specifically designed for applicants who have not been able to meet the traditional minimum requirements for access. For whatever reason, your latest formal qualification was not at the level required for access here. We understand that this is frustrating because you may feel that this will limit you in reaching your career dreams. Even though it may require some time and input on your part, this assessment process will enable you to try to gain alternative access to a qualification at AFDA.

We make use of an online application process in partnership with an external assessment provider. This online platform will provide you with step-by-step instructions on how to complete the process before booking your final interview at AFDA.

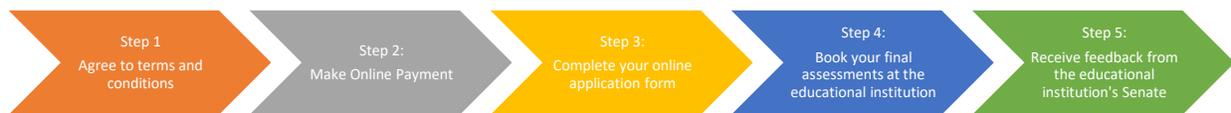
Please ensure that the course that you are applying for suits your career interests and needs. Suppose you are still unsure about your course choices and the associated. In that case, we strongly advise you to speak to someone from our Recruitment Team before continuing with this process. Request a consultation along with your career needs and expectations with an AFDA Recruitment Officer.

### **What you can expect:**

This process will consider and recognise your **formal learning** (such as schooling or other courses) and **informal learning** (things that you learned through participation in activities, skills you learned at work or by accident). It will be done through you providing us with all the possible evidence, knowledge and skills through a portfolio of learning, assessments, and interviews and through the references you select. The focus will be on what you have

learnt up to now, regardless of how you achieved this. Rest assured, we are here to guide and support you in this process. We aim to ensure inclusivity, social justice, and diversity through non-biased, culturally inclusive, valid, reliable, credible and fair measuring tools and methods.

Here is an overview of the process that you will be required to follow. Allow yourself time and do not rush through each step to avoid having to re-do some sections. From the moment your payment clears (**2020/2021 Exam Fee: R1875**), you are encouraged to complete your online application well before the first term starts that you are applying.



The assessments that form part of this process is detailed below:

### As part of the initial online portal:

#### 1. **Study Readiness Questionnaire (SRQ):**

This multiple-choice assessment will ask you various questions about your study readiness, which will help you prepare for your studies ahead. You cannot fail this assessment; its use is purely to help you in your studies. Feedback on the results of this assessment will be sent separately to you once you have completed all the assessments as part of this application portal.

2. **Competency Assessment Measure (CAM):** The CAM is a self-rating measure that determines the competency levels of the student, along with one's values, knowledge, skills and behaviours.

### The final online assessments (which are emailed to you):

#### 3. **English Competence Test – Multiple Choice:**

Here, you will complete a 50-item English Competence Test that will enable us to measure your ability to use, read and write in English. An additional Mathematical Competence Test will be required for those that apply for the BCOM Degree.



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#### 4. **Learning Potential Assessment – Multiple Choice:**

This psychometric test will measure your academic readiness and if you will be able to cope at the level that you would like to gain access.

### **Final interview at the college:**

#### 5. **Competency-Based Interview (CBI):**

Your final task will be an interview with a college staff member, along with the areas that you need to show learning. The CBI is a structured interview and should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete.

(Optional) You are welcome to bring an additional Portfolio of work if you have one to the interview.

Your final results recommendation is calculated by taking all the above assessments and tasks into consideration. Feedback is only provided once the Senate at AFDA has reached their final decision about granting you access. The final decision lies with the Senate at AFDA only.

### **What we need from you:**

Please go to a computer with a stable internet connection and follow this link to start your process. Alternatively, visit your nearest AFDA campus and ask if you can make use of a computer on-site to begin your application process. For the first time that you log in, click the **Register** button. Remember to verify your email address as part of your registration process online. All assessments need to be done on a computer only.

<https://afdarpl.nome.co.za>



For any online platform related queries, you can email [rpla@nome.co.za](mailto:rpla@nome.co.za) for assistance or click on the '**support**' button on the bottom left corner as soon as you click on the above link.

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