



Forensic Academy Africa

"Charting the Future of Investigative Forensic Education"

Company Profile: 2026



1. Introduction

At Forensic Academy Africa, we are charting the future of forensic education. As a beacon of excellence in South Africa, we are dedicated to fostering a community of professionals, skilled in innovative investigative techniques and committed to ethical practices.

Our vision is not just to educate but also to enlighten minds and empower justice. Focusing on innovation and societal impact, we are bridging the gap between academic theory and practical expertise in investigative forensics. Our approach is unique due to our expanding digital frontiers, which enable us to offer dynamic online learning experiences that ensure accessibility and inclusiveness.

Our ten strategic objectives guide our path. From expanding digital infrastructure to fostering partnerships between industry and academia, we are committed to enhancing student engagement, promoting research, and ensuring financial sustainability. We aim to empower learners to challenge complex investigative encounters, contributing significantly to the efficiency of criminal justice systems in South Africa.

At Forensic Academy Africa, we are not just an educational institution, but a movement towards a safer, more just society, equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to address the forensic challenges of tomorrow.

2. Vision Statement

Forensic Academy Africa envisions a future where investigative forensic education is the cornerstone of justice in South Africa, nurtured by pillars of trust, excellence, and innovation.

3. Mission Statement

The mission of Forensic Academy Africa is to deliver exemplary forensic education and training, fostering a community of professionals who excel in innovative investigative techniques and are grounded in ethical practices. Forensic Academy Africa is committed to crafting a dynamic curriculum that blends theoretical knowledge with practical skills, extending our impact beyond the virtual classroom through collaborations with industry, law enforcement, and academia.

Forensic Academy Africa aims to empower learners to expertly navigate complex forensic challenges, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of the criminal justice system in South Africa.



4. Ownership Structure

Forensic Academy Africa forms part of a group of companies and, like its sister companies, is owned wholly by **Christo Olivier Family Trust Assets** (COFTA (Pty) Ltd, 2016/368179/07), with a vision to secure and enhance the wealth of Christo Olivier Family Trust through prudent and strategic asset management, ensuring the enduring prosperity and financial independence of future generations.

Evident from its vision, COFTA (Pty) Ltd is owned by the **Christo Olivier Family Trust**, an Intervivos Trust (IT 003442/2015 (G)), established to steward and grow assets for the enduring benefit of its income and capital beneficiaries. The trust aims to build a legacy of prosperity, stability, and opportunity, honouring the founder's vision while adapting to the evolving needs of our beneficiaries.

Forensic Academy Africa has two sister companies that COFTA (Pty) Ltd owns. With both operating in the professional services space, **FitnessCO** (Pty) Ltd (2013/162195/07) transforms lives through personalised wellness, envisioning a world where everyone achieves optimal health and lasting well-being through customised-rounded fitness solutions.

NickOlivier Org (Pty) Ltd (2016/225240/07) envisions a future where education meets practice, as it strives to be a global leader in forensic and educational consulting, empowering stakeholders to positively shape the future of criminal justice and forensic education.





5. Company History

Forensic Academy Africa initially Outsourced Learner Management (OLM) and duly converted to a Proprietary Limited in February 2012 after being registered as a Closed Corporation in February 1999. The name change to Forensic Academy Africa was implemented on 17 January 2024. Forensic Academy Africa is dedicated to delivering top-tier investigative forensic education and training. With a revamped focus, it aims to nurture professionals skilled in modern investigative techniques underpinned by ethical practices. The academy aims to blend theoretical knowledge with practical skills, extending its impact through industry partnerships and fostering a diverse student community. Emphasising digital infrastructure, it's set to revolutionise investigative forensic education in South Africa, aligning with its vision of leading with excellence, innovation, and social impact.

6. Accreditations

6.1. Skills Development Provider

Forensic Academy Africa is registered and accredited as a Skills Development provider with the Safety and Security Sector Education and Training Authority (SASSETA) under reference ID 081985269877 for the following qualifications, which have passed their registration end date, with the **last date of enrolment being 30 June 2026**.

- © **National Certificate:
Forensic Science**
[\(SAQA ID 57651 on NQF 5\)](#)



- © **National Certificate:
Forensic Biology**
[\(SAQA ID 57977 on NQF 6\)](#)



Forensic Academy Africa is accredited as a Skills Development Provider by the Quality Council for Trades & Occupations (QCTO) for the following Occupational Qualifications.



- Occupational Certificate:
Project Manager
[\(SAQA ID 101869 on NQF 5\)](#)



- Occupational Certificate:
Office Administrator
[\(SAQA ID 102161 on NQF 5\)](#)



- Occupational Certificate:
Compliance Officer
[\(SAQA ID 91671 on NQF 6\)](#)



- Advanced Occupational Diploma:
Fraud Examiner
[\(SAQA ID 123002 on NQF 7\)](#)



- Occupational Certificate:
Fraud Examiner
[\(SAQA ID 101868 on NQF 8\)](#)





With a vision to expand its offerings, Forensic Academy Africa has submitted an application for accreditation of one additional qualification and believes the accreditation process will be concluded before 30 April 2026.

6.2. Assessment Centre

The QCTO in collaboration with its Quality Partners (QP), after receiving our application, conducted a site inspection of the institution's premises, and they accredit Forensic Academy Africa (07-QCTO-AC-TTC110724122242) to test and assess the Occupational Certificate: Fraud Examiner (SAQA 101868) at the accredited physical address (inclusive of online delivery) for a period of 5 years starting from 2024-07-11 to 2029-07-10, or until the expiry of the qualification or de-accreditation whichever comes first.

With a vision to expand its Assessment Centre offerings, Forensic Academy Africa has submitted applications for accreditation for additional qualifications and anticipates that the accreditation process will be concluded by 30 April 2026.

7. Educational Categories

Forensic Academy Africa visualises four educational categories as the foundation of its operational structure. They are.

- ④ **Legacy Learning:** Focusing on legacy qualifications that required learners to complete their studies while the Safety and Security Sector Education and Training Authority (SASSETA) re-aligns the qualifications to the Occupational Qualification Framework.



- ④ **Occupational Learning:** Focussing on occupational qualifications as quality assured by the Quality Council for Trades & Occupations (QCTO).



- ④ **Professional Learning:** Focusing on non-accredited advanced professional development programmes that can transfer skills while allowing for meeting the Continued Professional Education (CPE) or Continued Professional Development (CPD) requirements of most professional bodies.





8. Target Markets

Forensic Academy Africa aims to lead online forensic education, addressing the skill development needs in South Africa. This strategic approach emphasises its dedication to improving forensic education standards.

Its educational programmes focus on enhancing capabilities in three key spheres: investigation, scientific analysis, and forensic practice support. The primary target markets are justice and public safety professionals (police, prosecutors, corrections, and regulators); financial services and corporate sectors requiring fraud investigation, risk, and compliance capabilities; laboratory and healthcare staff upskilling in forensic DNA analysts and technicians; and private security and investigative firms building professional forensic and fraud capacity.

In addition, the accredited programmes serve post-school youth seeking an applied route into forensics and governance, as well as early- and mid-career professionals looking to specialise or pivot into investigations, compliance, project management, or office administration, across South Africa via flexible online and blended delivery.

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