

Fearlessly proceed your home education journey with

UCAN-TCAN Assessor Network

[YoU CAN identify a Truly Competent Assessor Network for your family]

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Choose your assessor for eclectic learning from a network of experienced HOME EDUCATORS

Vision

The vision of the UCAN-TCAN Assessor Network is to support parents in meeting the requirements outlined in the BELA Act regarding assessments for Grades 3, 6, and 9. The Network accommodates a diverse range of families who follow different educational philosophies, exercise freedom of choice in curriculum selection, and prioritize the best interests of the child.

Our goal is to provide parents with peace of mind by ensuring a network of competent assessors (UCAN-TCAN Assessors) who act in the child's best interest, in alignment with their chosen educational philosophies and curricula. We also offer recommendations and guidance to families to help optimize their educational plans and goals.

Ethos

We are dedicated to creating a friendly and safe environment for assessments. We assist families in preparing for and navigating the assessment process, ensuring that each learner has a fair opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. Ultimately, our aim is to help parents provide a clear and accurate reflection of the child's learning progress.

What is a competent assessor?

According to the Department of Basic Education (DBE) a 'competent assessor' means an educator registered with the South African Council for Educators as defined in the South African Council for Educators Act, 2000 (Act No. 31 of 2000), a recognised professional body in the field of education, or a person or body registered with the South African Qualifications Authority as defined in the National Qualifications Framework Act, 2008 (Act No. 67 of 2008). Such an assessor will clearly understand the CAPS outcomes and will be able to assess a learner that follows the National curriculum, IEB and other formal curriculums with the same content and structure.

What is Eclectic education?

Eclectic home education is a highly individualized approach that combines various home education resources. This method allows parents to customize their child's education based on their unique learning styles, pace, abilities, and interests. By understanding how their child learns best, parents can tailor a personalized curriculum that may differ from traditional grade-level expectations.

This approach acknowledges that children develop at different rates and may excel in certain subjects while needing additional time and or support in others. As a result, children receiving an eclectic home education may not align with conventional grade levels. By embracing an eclectic approach to home education, parents can provide their children with a unique, effective, and enjoyable educational experience.

Assessment dilemma

Eclectic education methods often combine various theories, methods, and practices, which can be unfamiliar to traditional assessors. This may lead to misunderstandings and misinterpretations of the child's needs and abilities. Traditional assessors might view eclectic approaches as unconventional or unstructured, potentially leading to biases in their evaluations. Such biases could result in inaccurate or incomplete assessments that fail to capture the child's strengths and challenges.

Our assessors and assistants

TCAN Assessors: We commit to the re-education and training of our assessors on eclectic approaches and to provide them with new tools to evaluate children with various learning needs. This can help ensure that assessments are accurate, comprehensive, and supportive to each child's unique needs. Henceforth, we refer to them as "Truly Competent Assessors."

TCAN Assist: Our dedicated Assist team is focused on re-educating parents about education and assessment. We will support families in being accountable, responsible, and fully prepared for end-of-phase assessments through:

- providing evidence of learning (See **ECOCA** and **OSVVA** (Afrikaans version) document)
- creating portfolios that document authentic learning experiences
- generating appropriate summative report cards

We will cater for the following and many more:

- Eclectic learners
- UNCAPPED Education
- Learners with neurobiological differences
- Gifted learners
- Specialised needs learners
- CAPS learners

What happens if your child is not ready for assessment because of delayed learning?

We will provide an alternative assessment model to accommodate these learners. TCAN Assist offers services to help families prepare for assessments, giving the opportunity to provide proof of learning.

Place of Assessment

UCAN-TCAN Assessor Network will operate on-site nation-wide and online as needed.

Time of Assessment

Assessments will take place annually between September and December for the mandatory grade 3,6 and 9 assessments but will also provide year-round assessment opportunities for parents who wish to gain insight into their child's development or plan their educational journey. Information sessions will be conducted throughout the year to assist with planning, preparation, and addressing questions or concerns.

TCAN Team

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