SAE INSTITUTE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' GUIDE

ANIMATION AUDIO FILM GAMES

GUIDING YOU TO CREATIVE MEDIA CAREER SUCCESS

Entering and navigating the creative media industry is daunting. We provide globally recognised relevant education and skills to ensure your success within the worldwide industry.

WE UNDERSTAND
THAT YOU ARE LOOKING TO:

- Receive a globally recognised qualification.
- Create with the best and become the best, anywhere in the world.
- Receive practical skills and experience in world-class facilities.
- Study at a credible and trustworthy institution.

WE UNDERSTAND
IT'S DAUNTING RIGHT NOW BECAUSE:

- It's a big industry to break into.
- Navigating and networking the industry can be overwhelming.
- You want to make sure you choose the best institution.
- You are unsure of the career opportunities available.

OUR PLAN
FOR YOUR SUCCESS IS:

- Practical experience in world-class facilities.
- Creating networking opportunities.
- Collaboration across different creative mediums.
- Receive a nationally registered and internationally recognised qualification.
- Provide you with a Money Back Guarantee.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU MAKE

THE BEST CHOICE

- Global Leader in Creative Media Education with 47 campuses in 23 countries.
- In existence for over 48 years, providing you with the best reputational head start.
- Real-world facilities, creative spaces filled with the latest equipment and software.
- Award-winning alumni of prestigious international and local film and music awards.
- Alumni employed at prominent creative media companies.

UNIVERSAL OSCARS GRAMMY AWARDS METRO FM

JOIN OUR GLOBALLY SUCCESSFUL GRADUATES FROM ACROSS THE WORLD!

Enrolling at SAE Institute couldn't be easier:

1

APPLY
WWW.SAE.EDU.ZA

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FINALISE THE ENROLMENT PAPERWORK

3

GRADUATE SUCCESSFULLY AND BREAK INTO THE INDUSTRY

WELCOME

Welcome to SAE Institute! As the Global Leader in Creative Media Education since 1976, we are excited to have you join our vibrant community. Our industry-focused approach ensures that you receive world-class education, designed to prepare you for real-world success. With state-of-the-art facilities and expert lecturers with industry experience, we are dedicated to supporting your growth in a collaborative and inspiring environment.

At SAE, our specialised programmes are constantly evolving to meet the dynamic needs of the creative media industry. We pride ourselves on thinking outside the box and working closely with industry partners to ensure that our students are industry-ready. Whether you're passionate about film, animation, sound or film production, you'll find the support and resources you need to thrive in your chosen field.

With 47 campuses across 23 countries, we are passionate about what we do and committed to helping you reach your full potential, turning your dreams into reality!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & SAE INSTITUTE SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is one of the most dynamic and up-and-coming countries in the world. With a host of vibrant cities, diverse cultures and wildlife, it's no wonder that it is a popular study destination for international students.

Our comfortable climate and beautiful landscapes offer endless opportunities for exploration and discovery. From our magnificent beaches to our majestic mountain ranges, the near-perfect weather is reason enough to consider international study opportunities in South Africa.

South African institutions offer multicultural student communities, good academic facilities, a range of social activities and good support systems for international students.

International students who have received a qualification from SAE Institute report that their studies have prepared them well for entering the working world. Students expressed high confidence levels about job opportunities after graduating.

With higher education staking its claim as one of the key factors in the country's emerging economy, international students who choose to study in South Africa are uniquely positioned to gain a high-quality education.

Each of our world-class campuses house state-of-the-art equipment and facilities used in all our practical teaching.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

Here's what you need to know when applying to SAE Institute (SAE):

Admission Policy

All applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements for admission into their chosen programme. We welcome applications from all candidates with the potential to succeed in higher education. Most foreign school qualifications will be accepted for the purposes of admission to SAE, but they must be evaluated first, by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) or Universities South Africa (USAF).

Foreign Qualifications Evaluation and Advisory Service

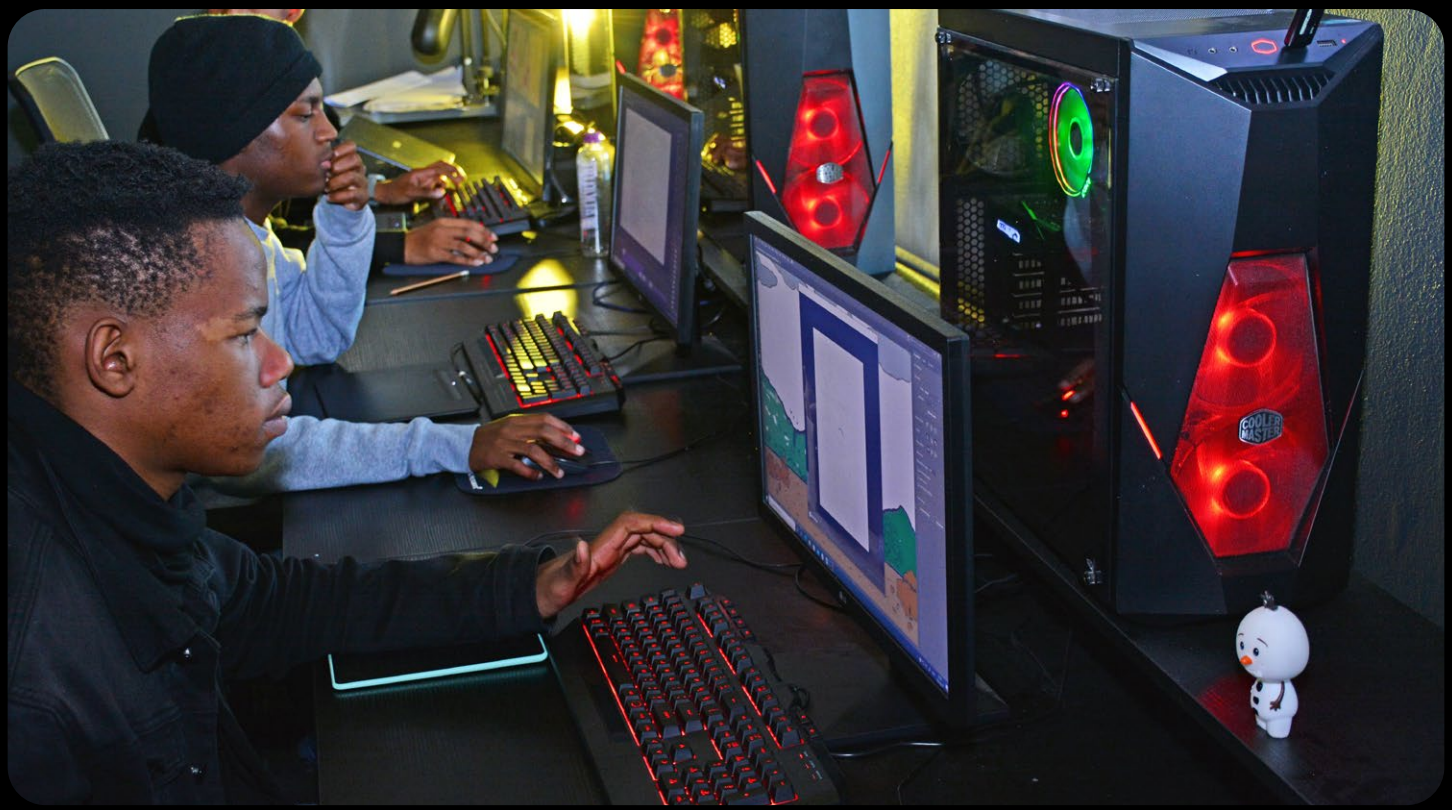
SAQA and USAF evaluate foreign qualifications to assist institutions when foreign qualification holders are considered for study. The process entails an academic structural comparison, after which an evaluation report is issued with placement recommendations in terms of appropriate levels of South Africa's National Qualifications Framework (NQF). It is the applicant's responsibility to acquire the relevant documentation from SAQA or USAF proving that the applicant's highest school qualification is equal to or superior to the National Senior Certificate issued in South Africa.

See "Evaluations of Foreign Qualifications" https://www.saqa.org.za/evaluations-foreign-qualifications, under services on the SAQA website.

Due to privacy laws, all applications to SAQA or USAF must be done by the student directly and SAE is not able to assist in this process. Applications can be done online directly through their website. Fees do apply which are payable directly to SAQA or USAF.

Applying for a Degree or Higher Certificate you can use: https://www.saqa.org.za/

Applying for a Degree you can use: https://mb.usaf.ac.za/



Study Permit

International students wanting to study in South Africa must apply for a study permit at the South African High Commission, Embassy, Consulate or Trade Mission **in their country of origin.** If there is no South African representative in your country, your application should be directed to the Commission, Embassy, Consulate or Trade Mission in the country nearest to your home country. Study permits are issued for specific academic institutions. Applicants can only apply for a study permit once they have received a provisional acceptance letter from a South African Educational Institution.

The South African Embassy/Mission will only consider the applications of students who comply with the following:

- An application form
- A study permit fee
- A valid passport
- An official letter from the relevant institution confirming provisional acceptance at that institution and the duration of the course
- A medical certificate
- Proof of medical insurance coverage recognised in South Africa
- A repatriation guarantee
- Proof of sufficient financial means for the full duration of the course including living and programme expenses
- To notify the department by means of an undertaking on completion of studies
- Details regarding arranged accommodation
- Vaccination certificate (if required)

If the applicant is under the age of 21 years, in addition to the above requirements, they would need to submit:

- Particulars and confirmation of the person in South Africa who will act as the applicant's guardian.
- Proof of consent for the intended stay from the custodian of the applicant.

A study permit does not entitle the holder to conduct work, however the Department of Home Affairs may, in appropriate cases, authorise the holder of a study permit to conduct work as practical training in a field related to their studies.

Education institutions must provide a prescribed periodic certification that the student is performing satisfactorily in their curriculum of study and must notify the Department of Home Affairs when the student has completed their studies or is no longer performing satisfactorily.

Tuition Fees

Tuition fees vary depending on the programme selected by the applicant. International students are required to settle the full tuition fees up front to enrol for a programme. In terms of SAE Institute's requirements for a study permit and payment terms, below is a list of scenarios which may apply to an international applicant:

1. International applicant with a foreign sponsor residing outside of South Africa, or a foreign sponsor on a Work Visa/Asylum Visa/Refugee Permit residing in South Africa.
   Requirement: Fees to be paid in full before registration.

2. International applicants with a foreign sponsor who has permanent residency in South Africa and a South African bank account.
   Requirement: Full deposit, signed payment plan and debit order.

Please note that all the above scenarios are subject to a Credit Check Authorisation.

Residence

Applicable to all campuses.

SAE campuses have a network of external service providers who offer accommodation from private renters that are not linked to SAE. We do not have any on campus accommodation available.

Students are advised to arrange their own accommodation prior to study. You may speak to one of our consultants for assistance with accommodation directories and trusted venues.

Medical Aid

Prior to submitting your study permit application, it is recommended that students obtain Medical Insurance in South Africa. Applicants are advised to carefully investigate the cost and benefits of the different providers. Medical health insurance must cover international students for the full duration of study.

Opening a South African Bank Account

The procedure for opening a bank account in South Africa relates directly to the type of visa you have been granted. As an international student with a valid study permit, you may be allowed to open a resident's student account.

It's important that applicants research all possible banks' services and ascertain which bank will give them the best deal and what is required to open an account.

Application and Enrolment Procedure

Prospective international applicants must acquire the relevant documentation from the SAQA or USAF proving that the applicant's highest school qualification is equal or superior to the National Senior Certificate issued in South Africa.

Step 1: Applicant must complete an application form online at https://www.sae.edu.za/act-now/apply-now/

Step 2: An admissions consultant from SAE Institute will contact the applicant to schedule a meeting which will be conducted virtually.

Step 3: After the meeting, should the applicant be successful, the applicant needs to pay the application fee (non-refundable). A provisional letter of acceptance will be issued. The applicant must submit their SAQA/USAF evaluation request directly to SAQA/USAF. Once received, the evaluation certificate needs to be submitted to SAE Institute.

Step 4: Upon receipt of the evaluation certificate, the applicant needs to sign the tuition agreement and pay the deposit/tuition fees.

Please read through the Tuition Agreement carefully. This must be signed and returned as soon as possible.

To complete the enrolment, the following documents are required:

- Proof of payment of the Application Fee, deposit, the full Tuition Fees and signed Tuition Contract.
- Certified copies of qualifications obtained.
- Certified copy of applicant's passport.
- Foreign Qualification Evaluation (SAQA evaluation certificate as noted above).

Step 5: Upon receipt of the applicant's payment noted above, SAE Institute will issue a Visa Application Letter, which is needed by the applicant to apply for a Study Visa.

Step 6: The applicant must apply for a study permit at the South African Embassy or Mission **in their home country.**

Step 7: Once SAE Institute receives the Study Visa, the student will be guaranteed a place for the applied intake.

Step 8: Only after the applicant has obtained a Study Visa and all other prerequisites noted above have been met, they may depart for South Africa.

Since it takes time to comply with all the necessary requirements, it is suggested that applicants start with the application process as soon as possible.

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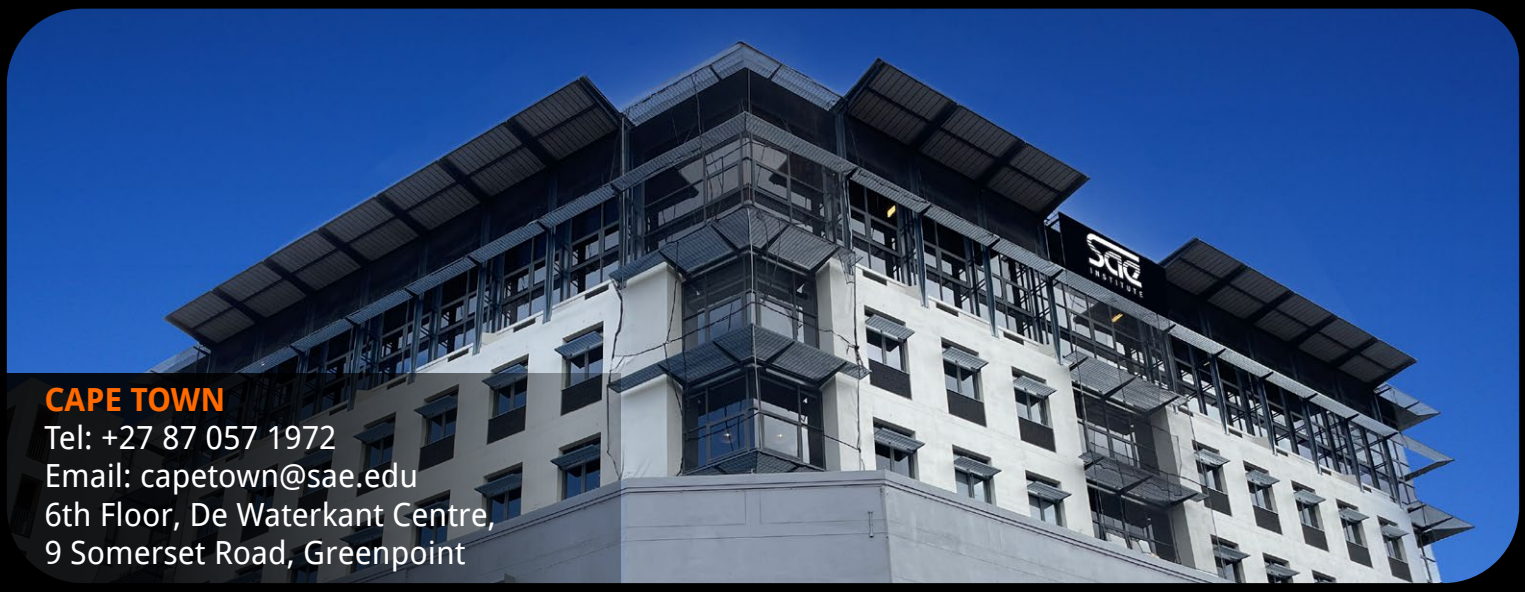

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