South Africa

NSC achievement levels

National Senior Certificate (matric) subject results

Level	Percent	Description
7	80 to 100	Outstanding
6	70 to 79	Meritorious
5	60 to 69	Substantial
4	50 to 59	Adequate
3	40 to 49	Moderate
2	30 to 39	Elementary
1	0 to 29	Not achieved

The bands are printed in whole percentages.

Checked against the sources on 4 November 2026. Rules can change, so your board or university has the final word.

Source: Nuffic: Grading and study results (South Africa) (opened 4 November 2026); University of South Africa (Unisa): FAQs (Undergraduate qualifications) (opened 4 November 2026); University of Johannesburg (UJ): How to determine your Admission Point Score (APS), Undergraduate Prospectus 2022, page 15 (opened 4 November 2026)

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