

Go Study Now Launches Free, Ad-Free Study App for South Africa's Matric Students

Go Study Now introduces a free and ad-free mobile study app to support South African learners through their matric exams.

CAPE TOWN, WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA, October 29, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As matric finals begin across the country, a new South African study app is giving learners a calm, focused space to prepare—free from the usual digital clutter. Go Study Now is free, ad-free, and designed specifically for South Africa's classrooms, subjects and study realities.

With nearly 900,000 candidates writing nationwide this year—and 77,442 in the Western Cape alone—the need for simple, accessible study tools has never been greater.

South African students using the Go Study Now app to prepare for matric exams.

Founder Tariq Rufino began with one question: What if the best thing we offer young people is respect for their time?

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Study That Feels Like Progress, Not Pressure

Go Study Now meets learners where they already are—on their phones—using gentle game elements to make revision feel like steady progress. Streaks, badges and

leaderboards celebrate consistency, not screen time. There are no ads, pop-ups or tricks, just clear questions and feedback that build confidence.

"Games are just feedback loops," adds Rufino. "We borrowed the helpful parts to keep learners in rhythm and left out the rest. Points celebrate effort, not addiction. The goal is belief, not burnout."

What's Inside the App

The app turns South Africa's CAPS curriculum and past papers into quick, image-rich quizzes. Learners can select topics, practice questions, and review explanations in minutes. It also includes Self-Exam mode for timed past papers, NBT practice for AQL and MAT, and K53 preparation for learner's licenses.

Built for Real South African Conditions

Go Study Now is light on data, supports offline use, and works smoothly on shared or older devices. This design reflects the realities of South African students—where data costs and load shedding still challenge consistent access.

Creators and Community

Local content creators have joined the initiative through the Matric One Breath Challenge, encouraging students with short messages of support. Influencers such as Jayden Lee Thomas and Craig Junior have lent their voices to inspire calm and consistency during exams.

Early Adoption

Since its soft launch, the app has reached number 8 on the iOS App Store in South Africa and continues to gain traction. Learners are using it to review weak topics, simulate papers, and even take short K53 guizzes to refresh their minds between subjects.



Screenshot of the Go Study Now ad-free study app showing quiz and progress features.



Go Study Now founder, Tariq Rufino, aims to make learning free and ad-free for South Africa's youth.

"If one honest notification or one clean screen helps a learner take a step, and then another tomorrow, we're doing our job," says Rufino.

Why Free and Ad-Free Matters

"Free and ad-free" is not just a tagline—it's a core product decision. Removing pop-ups and monetized distractions helps students maintain focus during critical study sessions.

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