

## EAPASA

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## Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa

*Advancing environmental assessment practice in South Africa*



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### **CALL FOR 'EXPRESSION OF INTEREST' TO BE APPOINTED AND TRAINED AS AN EAPASA ASSESSOR TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR EAP REGISTRATION**

Expressions of Interest to become an Assessor for the Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa (EAPASA) should be forwarded to the Registrar, at [registrar@eapasa.org](mailto:registrar@eapasa.org) by **19 July 2019** and should include a current Curriculum Vitae and a covering letter outlining your interest in the role and your skills, attributes and experience as relevant to the duties of Assessor.

Acting as an Assessor counts towards the EAPASA requirements for Continuing Professional Development through recognition of the contribution it makes to the growth of the profession.

#### **Background on EAPASA's responsibilities and the need for further Assessors**

A key component of the environmental sector's drive to improve the quality of environmental assessment practice in South Africa is promoting and maintaining the registration of Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) consistent with the requirements of Section 24H of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA), as amended. The establishment and appointment of EAPASA on 8 February 2018 by the then Minister of Environmental Affairs, the Honourable Dr Edna Molewa, was a key step towards this goal.

Regulation 14 of the NEMA S24H Registration Authority Regulations stipulates that:

14. No person other than a registered environmental assessment practitioner, registered with a registration authority, may hold primary responsibility for the planning, management, coordination or review of environmental impact assessments and associated EMPs.

On 15 December 2018, the EAPASA Online Registration System for EAPs was launched. Online applications have been received and EAPs have been registered – see the 'EAP Register' at <https://registration.eapasa.org/registered-practitioners-index>

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Registrar: Dr Richard Hill

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Hundreds of EAPs are currently preparing their applications and EAPASA anticipates an influx of a large number of applications between now and February 2020. It is for this reason that the EAPASA Board has identified the need for additional Assessors to process these applications within the legislated timeframe of 120 days for deciding an application.

EAPASA requires a transformed group of Assessors that are representative of private consultants and officials, as well as ensuring a geographical spread from all provinces. EAPASA is therefore calling on suitable persons to express interest in becoming Assessors.

The Board invites experienced practitioners to express their interest in assisting EAPASA with the registration of EAPs. A person expressing interest must be register-able by meeting the core competencies and having at least 10 years of experience in conducting Environmental Impact Assessments or the review thereof and managing and monitoring Conditions of Approval. Should the EAPASA Board regard it necessary, telephonic interviews may be held with applicants to further discuss their Expression of Interest.

### **Requirements and responsibilities of EAPASA Assessors**

A person can apply to be an Assessor if her/his application for registration is still in progress. Successful applicants for the role of Assessor will need to complete their online applications for registration as an EAP, and such applications – if not yet assessed – will be prioritised.

Selected Assessors must avail themselves for a three-day training workshop on the application of the principles of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) as it applies to the assessment of applications for EAP registration, as required by the Section 24H Regulations. The RPL training will be arranged and paid for by EAPASA including subsistence and travel costs to the training venue.

An Assessor will be -

- required to commence with his/her duties once his/her registration as an EAP is confirmed, once RPL training has been successfully completed, and having signed a Memorandum of Agreement with EAPASA;
- required to assess an application within 21 calendar days of receipt from the EAPASA Registrar, who will first enquire as to an Assessor's availability in the given 3-week timeframe;
- required to assist the Board's Registration Committee with the assessment of applications for EAP registration, working in teams of two to collectively assess and finalise one Assessor Report which is uploaded to the online registration system;
- remunerated at a fixed rate of R500 for the assessment of an application, if from the private sector; as per regulations issued by the National Treasury, state officials may not receive a fee but will be awarded disbursements for subsistence and travel if required, and
- appointed as an EAPASA Assessor for a period of two years, with the possibility of renewing the appointment.

EAPASA looks forward to receiving your Expression of Interest!