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SUCCESSFUL DATA SUBMISSION TO SAQA National Learners' Records Database



The Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa (EAPASA) has successfully submitted data on newly registered Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) to the South African Qualifications Authority's (SAQA) National Learners' Records Database (NLRD) to maintain the organisation's Professional Body status.

EAPASA's first submission to the NLRD was on 4 November 2019. Our second submission of the details of registered EAPs was on 11 May 2020, which was approved by SAQA on 01 June 2020.

With regards to Registered EAPs, EAPASA is strongly committed to the transformation of the Environmental Assessment (EA) profession. Currently, 78% of registered EAPs are White. The Registry's analysis of the 'Draft Applicants Report' on the online system indicates that 74% are Historically Disadvantaged individuals (HDIs). Should all or even a significant number of these HDI applicants be registered, there would be a significant change in the demographics of the EA profession in South Africa in terms of Registered EAPs.

We encourage all EAPs to submit their applications and become members of the Association.

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Farewell to the DEFF Director-General



The Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) held a virtual farewell event for Ms Nosipho Ngcaba (former Director General of DEFF) on 29 May 2020.

The event was attended by various dignitaries including the Minister, Ms Barbara Creecy and Deputy Minister, Ms Makhotso Soty. The Chairperson of EAPASA, Ms Snowy Makhudu was amongst the well-wishers paying tribute to a dedicated and selfless Public Servant, Ms Nosipho Ngcaba.

Ms Makhudu had this to say, “Dear Mme Nosipho Ngcaba. You have ensured that the Environmental Assessment sector is levelled up to high standards. You have been present since the launch of EAPASA on 7 April 2011 by the then Deputy Minister Rejoice Mabudafhasi, and on 22 July 2016 when the NEMA Section 24H Registration Authority Regulations were gazetted.

You have continuously led us when EAPASA was gazetted as the single Registration Authority in Environmental Assessment on 8 February 2018 for a period of 5 years. Currently, EAPASA is now recognized as a Statutory Professional Body by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) under your guidance, and you assisted in fine tuning our Governance and Transformation outcomes.

The EAPASA Board is most grateful to you for involving us in the Department’s strategic planning sessions in January 2020, which has assisted us to align our plans with Government’s priorities. We are also grateful to you for having recently approved EAPASA’s Strategic Plan for 2020 to 2024, which will guide us into the future.

The EAPASA Board is grateful for your leadership and wishes you all the best in your future endeavours. Tsela tshweu.”

International Environmental Calendar for 2020

World Wetlands Day:
02 February 2020

World Water Day:
22 March 2020

Earth Day:
22 April 2020

International Day for Biological Diversity:
22 May 2020

World Environment Day:
05 June 2020

World Oceans Day:
08 June 2020

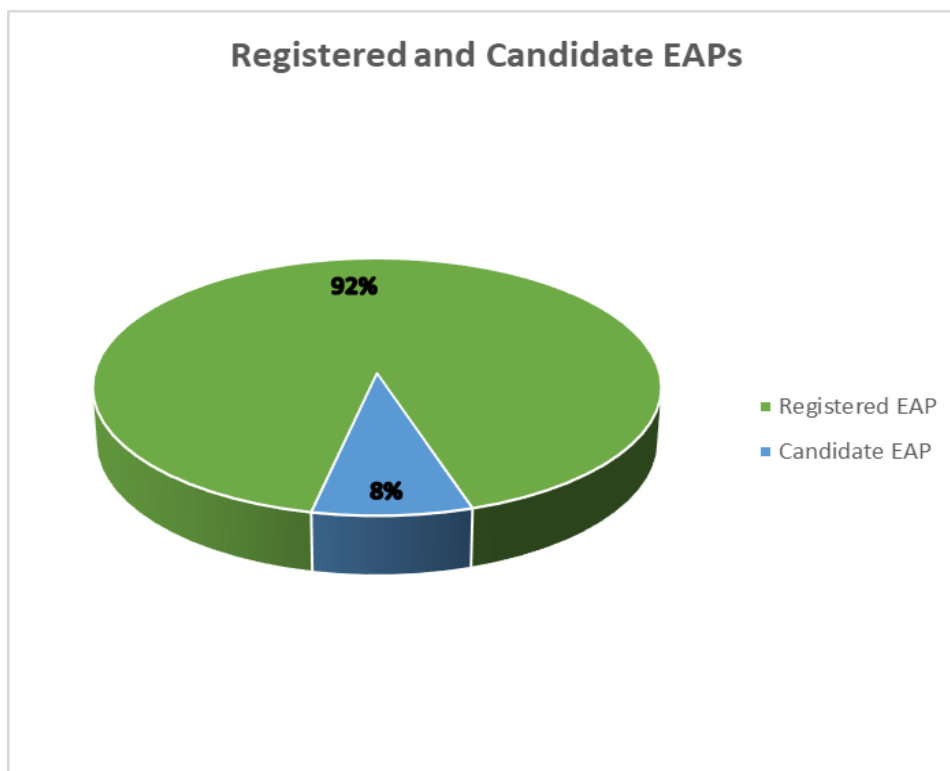
International Day for the Preservation of
the Ozone Layer:
16 September 2020

World Rivers Day:
27 September 2020

International Day for Natural Disaster
Reduction:
13 October 2020



EAPs Registration Statistics



EAPASA has to date registered **318** applicants, this includes **292** Registered EAPs and **26** Registered Candidate EAPs.

The EAPASA website, www.eapasa.org provides information about how to register. An 'Applicant Guideline Manual' and 'EAPASA Core Competencies' are available on the EAPASA website in the section for 'Documents' - <https://www.eapasa.org/index.php/documents>

There are six core competencies and a number of associated assessment criteria for each competency. These core competencies have been taken directly from the Qualification Standard for Environmental Assessment Practice mentioned in the Section 24H Registration Authority Regulations - see <http://allqs.saqa.org.za/showQualification.php?id=61831>

The Registration Committee of EAPASA currently uses the principles of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to assess applicants against the six core competencies and associated assessment criteria of the national Qualification Standard, in terms of Section 15 (1)(a)(iii) of the NEMA Section 24H Regulations, 2016. An applicant must submit a comprehensive Portfolio of Evidence (PoE) outlining their qualification(s) and experience on an online application system. For each assessment criterion, applicants are given 350 words in which to provide written evidence that they have met the criterion, and are required to further upload a range of supporting documents to the PoE.

There are two categories for registration:

- (1) Candidate EAP, newly graduated without experience, and
- (2) Registered EAP with at least three years of relevant experience.

Recapping on Social Media Posts. Please follow our Social Media platforms.



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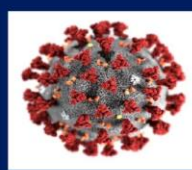


EAPASA ACCREDITED ASSESSORS

The Assessors who review applications for the Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa are both registered Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) and accredited to conduct Outcome-Based Assessment by the Education, Training and Development Practices Sector Education and Training Authority (ETDP-SETA).

The SETA is mandated to promote and facilitate the delivery of education, training and development in order to enhance the skills profile of the Education, Training and Development (ETD) sector and contribute to the creation of employment opportunities especially for those previously disadvantaged.

Assessors play a significant role in the achievement of EAPASA's vision of a transformed profession of competent, ethical and legally registered EAPs contributing to South Africa's sustainable development agenda.



COUNTDOWN TO 21 DAYS OF COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

Dear EAPs
EAPASA wishes to encourage you to use this time, where possible, to apply for registration as an EAP ...

EAPASA continues to process applications during lockdown

The EAPASA website has detailed information on how to register as an Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) - download the 'Applicant Guideline Manual' at <https://www.eapasa.org/index.php/documents>

Please login to the EAPASA online registration system at <https://registration.eapasa.org/> to submit your Portfolio of Evidence, including **at least 3 EIA cases** and other documents including your CV and qualification(s).

The registration system has **6 core competencies** with assessment criteria, taken from the Qualification Standard for EA Practice.

Boxes are provided in the online system for you to provide **written evidence** demonstrating that you have met each criterion, which you must then **cross-reference** to specific sections of **your cases** as proof.

Please choose between 2 categories for registration:

- (1) Candidate EAP, newly graduated no experience, and
- (2) Registered EAP, at least 3 years of experience.

The EAPASA Registry looks forward to receiving your application.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFILIATIONS





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	Professional Association	Voluntary Association
Overview	A body of persons engaged in the same profession, formed usually to control entry into the profession, maintain standards, and represent the profession in discussions with other bodies.	A group of three or more individuals or corporations entering voluntarily into an agreement to form a private, non-government organisation which works together for a mutual, lawful purpose, which is not primarily to gain profit. These range from professional, religious, lobby groups to union and political formations.
Membership	Membership is typically via an application that needs to be assessed and approved by a Board or Council.	Membership is generally open to anyone who supports the cause and objectives of the association.
Qualification	There is typically a minimum required qualification or competencies that one must meet to belong to a professional association.	A qualification is typically irrelevant for voluntary associations and members range from a number of disciplinary backgrounds.

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	Professional Association	Voluntary Association
Examples environmental sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EAPASA – Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa • SACNASP – South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAIA – International Association for Impact Assessment South Africa • WISA – Water Institute of Southern Africa • IWMSA - Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa
Examples other professions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECSA – Engineering Council of South Africa • HPCSA – Health Professions Council of South Africa • SAICA – South African Institute of Chartered Accountants • SAICA – South African Institute of Chartered Accountants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAICE – South African Institution of Civil Engineering • BLA - Black Lawyers Association • SANAVA - South African National Association for the Visual Arts

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