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1. Registration as an Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) ensures compliance with national legislation and allows a practitioner to operate/function independently.
2. Enhancement of Quality Assured Environmental Assessment Practice through certified recognition of qualification(s), competence and knowledge which adds value, status and marketing/employability for a practitioner.
3. A Registered EAP is recognised as a “professional” just as other professions in other sectors, which creates a feeling of “trust”, “confidence” and “worth” to clients and colleagues. This automatically connects the practitioner to other registered professionals and related professional organisations.
4. Assists in improving career prospects thereby ensuring that the registered practitioner remains relevant in the sector.
5. Protects Registered EAPs who comply and uphold the EAPASA code of ethics from people and clients involved in unprofessional and unethical behaviour.
6. Assists practitioners with access to improved standards of environmental practice through strategic partnerships with Voluntary Associations (VAs) like the International Association for Impact Assessment-South Africa (IAIASa) and other Professional Organisations like the Council of Built Environment (CBE) and the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP).
7. Potential for higher earnings due to recognition as a professional.
8. Registration as an EAP levels the playing field for all practitioners in what has become a “cut-throat” sector.
9. Access to international markets and clients since EAPASA is the first legislated EAP Registration body in the world.
10. Provides an opportunity for Registered EAPs to give back to the community by empowering graduates through the EAPASA Mentorship Programme.

EAPASA will strive to meet professional ideals by remaining committed to its founding purpose, which is to advance the practice and quality of EIAs, in the public interest and in the interest of the environment.

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