



THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL
for the
QUANTITY SURVEYING PROFESSION
DIE SUID-AFRIKAANSE RAAD vir die BOUREKENAARSPROFESSIE

Established in terms of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act 2000 (Act 49 of 2000)
Ingestel ingevolge die Wet op die Bourekenaarsprofessie 2000 (Wet 49 van 2000)

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2007

WHAT DOES THE COUNCIL DO TO ASSIST GRADUATES WITH ACHIEVING THEIR PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION AND TO ENHANCE NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION IN THE QUANTITY SURVEYING PROFESSION?

During the 2007 second semester, the Council has

- conducted workshops (offered in 5 centres nationwide) to discuss SACQSP accreditation of tertiary institutions offering Quantity Surveying / Construction Economics and Construction Management qualifications in terms of the new policy published on the Council's website: <http://www.sacqsp.org.za>
- presented a national 1-day seminar to prepare Candidates for the SACQSP Examinations Parts 1 and 2
- promulgated three new categories of statutory registration in terms of Act 49 / 2000 to be implemented on 1 January 2009:
 - Registered QS Assistant (qualification: NQF level 4);
 - Registered QS Technician (qualification: NQF Level 5);
 - Registered QS Technologist (qualification: NQF Level 6)

The Registrar's office provides personal support and assistance to individuals by

- advising them how to complete their logbooks
- counselling them about professional ethics, standards of professional behaviour and matters related to legislation, the code of conduct and the Council's Rules published in terms of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act 2000 (Act No 49 of 2000)
- conducting one-on-one interviews
- discussing how Candidates should prepare for their APC interviews, and dealing with the quality of their interim and final reports, and other submissions
- responding promptly - and in detail - to all queries (same-day-service!)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Every day, a wide variety of questions and requests is addressed to the SACQSP Registrar's office on

- categories of registration in terms of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act 2000 (Act No 49 of 2000)
- renewal of registration (current)
- re-registration (previously withdrawn / cancelled registration)
- fees (enrolment, registration, re-registration, penalties, examination, Assessment of Professional Competence, backdating of supervised practical experience)
- emigration, working offshore and statutory obligations, eg annual registration fees and CPD (Continuing Professional Development)
- routes to registration
- backdating of professional experience
- Council Examinations Parts 1 and 2

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- programmed dates for submission of reports and information to support admission to APC interviews
- dates of Council meetings
- CPD
- accreditation visits to institutions offering Quantity Surveying / Construction Economics and Construction Management qualifications
- documents published on the Council's website: <http://www.sacqsp.org.za>

There are no "standard" answers to any questions. Individual callers' personal circumstances and requirements call for tailor-made responses and the Registrar's office responds to each enquiry on its own merits.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Act 49 / 2000 permits the SACQSP to determine the statutory registration / annual / other fees payable by registered persons. As the Council does not receive State funding, it depends solely on income derived from fee income to perform its mandated statutory roles and functions

Each year, the SACQSP Finance and Resources Committee makes a recommendation regarding fee increases, taking into account Council budgets and inflation for the forthcoming year

The Council's finances are audited annually. Once approved by the Council, audited reports of income and expenditure are forwarded to the CBE (Council for the Built Environment) for delivery to the Minister for Public Works

STATUTORY, ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES...EMIGRATION...WORKING OFFSHORE AND... BEING STRUCK FROM THE SACQSP ROLE OF PERSONS REGISTERED IN TERMS OF ACT 49 / 2000

Unless registered persons inform the Registrar's office - in writing - of their contact details and address changes, there is no official record of this information. Correspondence is dispatched to wrong / outdated addresses, does not reach the persons concerned ...and the *real* danger is that after 12 months of receiving mail stamped "RETURN TO SENDER", the Registrar's office prepares the list of previously-registered persons

- who are to be struck from the statutory register established in terms of Act 49/ 2000 and
- for publication in the Government Gazette

Sections 11, 20, 26.(3) and 37 of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act 2000 (Act 49/ 2000) and Clause 3.22 of the SACQSP Rules of Conduct, explicitly support the above actions

While relocation to offshore operational *domicilia* may prompt registered persons to consider cancelling their hard-won PrQS or CandidateQS status, this decision should never be taken without serious thought about the *real* reasons for relinquishing this extremely valuable (and hard-won!) professional title...particularly if the PrQS or Candidate has not simultaneously "given up" their South African citizenship. Even if a registered person is no longer an RSA citizen, maintaining registration as a PrQS keeps the doors to all local and international professional opportunities wide open. Cancellation closes most of those doors...

The locational or operational *domicilium* of a PrQS is not the issue - *statutory registration* in terms of South African law is the principal - and single - factor

Nobody knows what the future may hold (both personally and professionally) and, without considering all aspects of personal risk management, cancellation of statutory professional registration - without *real* reason - appears both hasty and ill-advised



Many South Africans who choose to become RICS members and work offshore, retain their PrQS status - no matter where they may permanently reside or work - even after relinquishing their South African citizenship

PrQs and Candidates should note the date by which their annual statutory registration fees for each financial year (1 April - 31 March) should be remitted: 31 March. Thereafter, a 60-day period of grace during which registered persons may still remit their fees-in-arrears (while remaining in good standing), is permitted by section 20.(1) (iii) of Act 49 of 2000. This "grace" expires on 31 May each year

After 31 May each year, unfortunately registered persons no longer enjoy a free / personal option to cancel their statutory registration. With effect from 1 June, they are designated as "*not in good standing*", which, for a professional person - or anyone else - is **highly undesirable**. Section 26.(3) of Act 49/2000 deserves a "second look" !!

Furthermore, Section 23 of Act 49 / 2000 requires that "*Any person whose registration has been cancelled in terms of this Act, must return his or her registration certificate to the registrar within 30 days from the date on which he or she is directed by the registrar in writing to do so*"

How does the Council disburse the fee income?

Prior to the end of each calendar year, the Council draws up an annual budget of anticipated expenses for the following financial year, based on projected fee income, as required by the State

The Council's principal, statutory roles and functions - *all in terms of Act 49 / 2000*** - deal with

- protection of the public (investigation of complaints against registered persons, evaluation of the information submitted by complainants, communication with defendants, recommendation of action to be taken...(**Sections 14.(g) & (9h) and 26 - 37)
- registration of individuals (**Sections 11 and 18 - 27),
- education (**Sections 13 and 14.(h))
- legislation (**the Preamble, Sections 14, 16, 25 and 38 – 45, and any amendments to the text of the Act which become necessary)
- discipline (** Sections 26 – 36)
- fees (** Sections 12, 14 and 15)

CPD: CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: LIFE-LONG LEARNING

The Council's revised policy and a *pro forma* for CPD personal records have been published on <http://www.sacqsp.org.za>. "Points" are "out", HOURS are IN and instead of *three* categories, the new regimen defines two broadly inclusive areas of CPD activities. Within any five-year CPD cycle, all PrQs will have been requested to submit their skills enhancement records for auditing purposes

IDENTIFICATION OF WORK AND SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY PERSONS REGISTERED IN TERMS OF THE QUANTITY SURVEYING PROFESSION ACT 2000 (ACT NO. 49 OF 2000)

This policy

- provides essential information required by the public,
- supports curriculum development by tertiary institutions offering programmes in quantity surveying and
- impacts on all aspects of quantity surveying professional practice: <http://www.sacqsp.org.za>



APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

Section 22 of Act 49 / 200 states that registered persons must, at least three months prior to the prescribed expiry date of their registration, apply in the prescribed manner to the Council for renewal of their registration

The *pro forma* application for renewal of registration is also published on the website <http://www.sacqsp.org.za>

The closing date for submission of applications is 31 December 2007. If the fax number stated on the application form is not accessible after 12:00 on 14 December 2007, forms should be mailed to The Registrar, P O Box 654, Halfway House 1685 or e-mailed to registrar@sacqsp.co.za

2008: MAKE A DATE!!

7 th January:	Closing date for submission of APC reports, logbooks, etc
6 th February:	Education, Standards and Research Committee
14 th February:	Finance and Resources Committee
15 th February:	Executive Committee
6 th March:	Registration Committee
27 th March:	Council Examination Part 1
28 th March:	Council Examination Part 2
25 th April:	Provisional date for publication of examination results
12 th May:	Provisional date for commencement of APC interviews

COUNCIL EXAMINATION PAPERS: PARTS 1 AND 2: "MODEL ANSWERS"?

The Council examinations provide an opportunity for future consultants to demonstrate their specialised knowledge and high-grade skills. At this level, "model" answers do not apply.

Consultants provide advice to clients and solve problems. They are expected to demonstrate initiative / creative thinking / an ability to apply specialised skills / competence to apply their specialised knowledge (as opposed to simply learning a string of facts and figures "off by heart" and then reciting them / writing them down in "parrot fashion")

Consultants find the best solutions to satisfy their clients' requirements

The presentation of related information and application of a consultant's specialised knowledge and skills is absolutely essential - in the consultant's own words. If any information from any source is quoted or paraphrased - whether that source is "published" or "unpublished" - full acknowledgement of that source, with all source references, **MUST** be provided. If source references are not provided, direct quotations or paraphrased statements constitute **plagiarism**, which is **theft of intellectual material** - a criminal offence

A consultant Quantity Surveyor's ability to think widely, broadly, creatively, laterally, to plan and to propose alternative solutions, constantly to ask "**What if...?**" and to answer that question creatively...to apply risk management at all times, is at the core of QS professional practice

PrQs are knowledge experts, whose domain knowledge, professional experience and ability to provide expert advice make them indispensable to their clients



REGISTRATION: INTERVIEWS TO ASSESS PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE: 26 – 28 NOVEMBER 2007

The President, all members of the Council and everyone in the Registrar's office extend their warmest congratulations to the following PrQs who were registered as Professional Quantity Surveyors following their successful APC interviews held from 26 - 28 November 2007:

NAME	REGISTRATION NUMBER
ALBERTS PJ	3351
BLAKE MJ	4148
BOTHA BT	3355
CARR S	2961
CELLIERS AG	3488
COETZEE NJ	3703
EARLEY WT	3812
EVERT C	3426
KONA BE	3192
KUIPERS RF	3363
LEBEPE TE	3854
LEKOMA TS	2513
LINDEMANN G	3437
MAJOVA AN	3441
MALHERBE GJ	4104
MASHININI MZ	3623
MASI IS	4159
MEGBENU VY	4153
MITCHELL SS	4162
MOKOENA LE	3677
MOSS JW	3931
MSUKU O	4161
MTHETWA N	3448
MUDENDA N	3249
MULLER W	3375
ORANDO M	3809
PRETORIUS W	3629
REYNEKE CJ	3385
SCHOEMAN CA	4105
SLEIGH G	3165
VAN DYK C	3275
VAN RIET GJ	3943

The Council acknowledges the major roles and contributions of the Mentors who served as professional role models in guiding, directing and supervising these newly-registered PrQs throughout their respective candidacy periods, and promoting the development of their careers

The expert assistance of the assessors who represented the Council during the APC interviews is acknowledged with sincere appreciation:

Panel chairmen: Messrs Ian Cochran, Derek Harveson, Kevin Pickup and Barry Probert

Members: Ms Inge Pieterse and Messrs, Phil Bowker, HOFFIE Cruywagen, Jean-Pierre du Plessis, Leon Fowler, Jones Naidoo, Osman Narker, Hatla Ntene, Ganesan Reddy, Chris Rudham and Patrick Waterson

A list of CandidateQs who have been registered since 1 July 2007 is published on the website: <http://www.sacqsp.org.za>

DATABASE INFORMATION

Everyone in the Registrar's office owes a debt of gratitude to the hundreds of PrQs and Candidates who have responded to requests for assistance in bringing the Council's electronic register and accounting system up to



date. Without the support of the professional community, progress with this mammoth task would never have been possible

PHOTO-GALLERY: 12 OCTOBER 2007

The Council's website - <http://www.sacqsp.org.za> offers a glimpse of the guests who joined the President and members of the Council to celebrate the opening of the Council's new offices in the Lone Creek precinct, Waterfall Park, Midrand

FESTIVE SEASON CLOSURE OF THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

The Registrar's office will close at 12:00 on Friday, 14 December 2007 and re-open for business at 08:00 on 7 January 2008

All Council members join the President, Professor Raymond Nkado in wishing everyone a joyous Festive Season, with excellent health and great prosperity throughout the coming year