

**THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL**  
for the  
**QUANTITY SURVEYING**  
**PROFESSION**

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**NEWSLETTER**  
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In an effort to improve communication between the Council and our registered Quantity Surveying members registered in terms of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act (No 49 of 2000), this is the first of a series of newsletters to our members. We trust you will find them to be enlightening and that they will assist to keep you abreast of latest developments on Council matters.

### **THE NEW ACT**

The statute presently governing the Quantity Surveying profession is the Quantity Surveying Profession Act (No 49 of 2000). Under this new Act, a “new look” Council was appointed by the Minister of Public Works, Ms Stella Sigcau, which met for the first time in August 2001.

Since then considerable ground work has been undertaken by the Council, particularly in the drafting of the Rules, the Identification of Work for Quantity Surveyors, negotiating with sister Councils including the Council for the Built Environment (the over arching Council for all the built environment professions), revisions to the Continued Professional Development (CPD) programme and the determination of categories for registration.

### **RELOCATION OF QS EDUTECH CENTRE**

Members are again reminded that as of 1 June 2003 the **QS EduTech Centre** was relocated to the Council head offices in Midrand. The former offices in Centrahil, Port Elizabeth, have been closed and the telephone, facsimile and e-mail facilities have also been discontinued. All future **QS EduTech Centre** queries as well as the CPD submissions should henceforth be directed to the Midrand offices, details of which are as follows:

- Telephone : (011) 315 4140
- Facsimile : (011) 315 3785
- E-mail : [asaqs@mweb.co.za](mailto:asaqs@mweb.co.za)
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The CPD programme will continue to be administered by the Association on behalf of the Council in the **QS EduTech Centre** in the Midrand offices.

A special vote of thanks to Professor Gaye le Roux and her team for the many years of loyal service to the **QS EduTech Centre**. Her efficient and capable leadership and guidance to the profession are greatly appreciated.

## 2.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CPD PROGRAMME**

On 28 March 2003 the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession approved a number of amendments to the Continued Professional Development (CPD) programme. The amendments refer to the CPD booklet dated 1 January 1999.

The main amendments include the following:

1. Annual submissions in respect of a 12-month period shall commence on 1 January and end on 31 December of each year.
2. The initial cycle will extend from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2005.
3. Quantity Surveyors will be required to annually submit documentation on the prescribed format to the **QS EduTech Centre** in Midrand by no later than 28 February each year for the preceding year.
4. Points shall be calculated over a 5-year "rolling" period. For example, at the end of year 6, year 1 shall be discarded and year 6 incorporated giving a total for years 2 to 6.
5. Due to a concession granted by Council, the inaugural period from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2005 is effectively a 6-year period. Therefore in year 6, year 1 (1999 and 2000) shall fall away "as year 1".
6. The minimum number of points to be gained in any one year of a 5-year cycle will remain at 25 and the maximum points per annum will no longer apply.
7. The minimum total number of points to be gained by the close of a 5-year cycle remains at 200.

The CPD booklet dated 1 January 1999 has been revised to incorporate the above amendments and is available to members on the Association Website: [www.asaqs.co.za](http://www.asaqs.co.za). As soon as the re-printing process is complete, hard paper copies of the revised CPD booklet will be made available by the **QS EduTech Centre** only on the request of members.

The revised cycles and submission dates may be summarised as follows

### 3.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF NEW REGISTRAR**

As of 1 June 2003 the Council appointed Mr Egon Wortmann as the new Registrar of the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession. We welcome the appointment and look forward to a future of good organisation and management of Council affairs.

After seven years of service to the Council (and its forerunner), Mr Basie Botha left the employment of the Council at the end of October 2002. We thank him for his many years of service to the Council and wish him well for his future.

A special thanks also to Mr Len Harris who agreed to serve as Acting Registrar in the interim period and assisted by fulfilling the caretaker role.

#### **NEW REGISTRATION CATEGORIES**

At the Executive Committee meeting on 18 June 2003 it was proposed to present to the full Council meeting scheduled for 17 October 2003 the approval of the following registration categories:

- PrQS : (Professional Quantity Surveyor)
- Candidate QS : (Candidate Quantity Surveyor)
- PrCS : (Professional Construction Surveyor)
- Candidate CS : (Candidate Construction Surveyor)
- RQS : (Registered Quantity Surveyor)

The intention is to create a "home" for the construction surveyors who operate mainly in the construction field. Further details will follow as soon as these proposals are ratified and finalised by Council.

#### **CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION**

The Council recently took the unfortunate but essential decision to cancel the registration of a number of registered persons who had not paid their annual registration fees, some for two years.

Section 20 (1) (a)(iii) of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act (Act No 49 of 2000) reads as follows:

- 20 (1) (a) *The council may cancel the registration of a registered person if he or she:*
- (iii) *fails to pay the prescribed annual fee or portion thereof, within 60 days after it becomes due or within such further period as the council may, allow, either before or from expiry of the 60 days.*

This decision was not taken lightly but some members deliberately ignored repeated requests for payment, following invoices, statements, accounts rendered and numerous telephone calls. The Council is aware of the economic times and were open to "arrangements" for the staged payment of overdue amounts. The current fee for a Professional Quantity Surveyor is R 790,00 (including VAT) per annum.

The Department of Public Works will in due course be advised of the members whose registration has been cancelled. This will ensure that unregistered members are not appointed on future projects.

4.

**TARIFF OF PROFESSIONAL FEES 2003**

Members are advised that the Director-General of the Department of Public Works has approved the 2003 Tariff of Fees for use in the Department. (Note: This is the tariff scale proposed by the Association on 1 August 2002 and published and approved in the Government Gazette on 31 January 2003) The Department will apply these 2003 Tariff of Fees in all departments as from 1 July 2003.

The Basic Fee (refer table 2.2) is replaced with the following table:

Value category	Basic fee	
	Primary charge	Marginal rate
1	2	3
Up to - R 250 000	R 1 430	8,25% on balance over R 0
R 250 000 - R 500 000	R 22 055	5,83% on balance over R 250 000
R 500 000 - R 1 000 000	R 36 630	5,17% on balance over R 500 000
R 1 000 000 - R 2 000 000	R 62 480	5,06% on balance over R 1 000 000
R 2 000 000 - R 4 000 000	R 113 080	4,95% on balance over R 2 000 000
R 4 000 000 - R 8 000 000	R 212 000	4,40% on balance over R 4 000 000
R 8 000 000 - R 16 000 000	R 388 000	4,15% on balance over R 8 000 000
R 16 000 000 - R 32 000 000	R 720 000	3,69% on balance over R 16 000 000
R 32 000 000 - R 64 000 000	R 1 310 000	3,44% on balance over R 32 000 000
R 64 000 000 - R128 000 000	R 2 410 000	3,38% on balance over R 64 000 000
R 128 000 000 - R256 000 000	R 4 570 000	2,87% on balance over R128 000 000
R256 000 000 - and over	R 8 245 000	2,64% on balance over R256 000 000

**PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT COMMITTEE**

There are currently four cases of alleged professional misconduct being investigated by Council. This unfortunate but necessary step is being undertaken to ensure that the required professional standards are maintained and upheld as laid down by the Act.

**DEPARTMENT OF WORKS PUBLIC ROSTER**

Following on ongoing complaints from our members regarding the inequitable application of the Department of Public Works roster system, a combined meeting of the Built Environment Professions (represented mainly by Quantity Surveyors, Architects and Engineers) is planned with representatives of the Department to discuss and hopefully resolve common problems surrounding the application of the roster. Further details will follow as soon as positive feedback can be reported.

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**E.F. WORTMANN**  
**REGISTRAR**

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