

**SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY (SAQA)**

The public is invited to comment on the Directorate for Registration and Recognition's intention to recommend the registration for additional designations for the Institute for Work at Height, a SAQA-recognised professional body, in compliance with the *Policy & Criteria for Recognising a Professional Body and Registering a Professional Designation for the Purposes of the National Qualifications Framework Act, Act 67 of 2008* as approved by the SAQA Board.

Institute for Work at Height (IWH)**Additional professional designations to be registered**

Designation Titles
Fall Arrest Supervisor
Scaffolder
Advanced Scaffolder
Scaffold Supervisor

The complete additional designations application is available for viewing at the SAQA offices.

Comment regarding the additional designation application should reach SAQA at the address below ***no later than 30 days following the publication of this notice in the Government Gazette***. All correspondence should be marked and addressed to:

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APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION (S) FOR PROFESSIONAL BODIES ALREADY RECOGNISED BY SAQA

INSTITUTE FOR WORK AT HEIGHT (IWH)

BACKGROUND

The SAQA Board recognised the Institute for Work at Height (IWH) as a Professional at its meeting on 28 November 2012.

The IWH has registered following designations:

- MWEF Practitioner
- MWEF Safety and Transport Controller
- Specialised Access Equipment Demonstrator
- Rope Access Technician
- Rope Access Practitioner
- Rope Access Supervisor
- Fall Protection Planner
- Fall Arrest Rescue Coordinator
- Fall Arrest Technician
- Temporary Suspended Platform Erection Supervisor

ADDITIONAL DESIGNATIONS TO BE REGISTERED

The criteria for the awarding of the additional Professional Designations below comply with the *SAQA Policy & Criteria for Recognising a Professional Body and Registering a Professional Designation for the Purposes of the National Qualifications Framework Act, Act 67 of 2008* and the designations complement those already registered, creating a designation pathway.

Designation Title: Fall Arrest Supervisor

Underlying Qualification(s)	<p>Complete the following NQF Level 2 to 4 Unit Standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit Standard 229994: Prepare a fall protection plan. Level 4; 3 credits. • Unit Standard 229995: Install, use and perform basic rescues from fall arrest systems and implement the fall protection plan. Level 2; 3 credits. • Unit standard 229998: Explain and perform fall arrest techniques when working at height Level 1; 2 credits. • Unit Standard 229999: Perform a range of advanced fall arrest rescues. Level 4; 4 credits.
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Experiential Learning and Practical Experience	<p>The Fall Arrest Supervisor can be registered upon the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a registered Fall Arrest Technician • After completion of Unit Standard 229999: Perform a range of advanced fall arrest rescues and Unit Standard 229994: Prepare a fall protection plan. Additional <u>experiential learning: 100 work experience points</u> based on the following scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Planning a fall arrest operation = <u>15 work experience points</u> (this includes a Fall Protection Plan for the relevant site) ◦ Plan and Coordinate a rescue practice session under controlled circumstances 1 hour = 5 work experience points (8 hour work day = <u>45 work experience points</u>) ◦ Supervising an actively working fall arrest team for 1 week (1 working week = 40 hours = <u>40 work experience points</u>) <p>Supervision refers to: Supervision of a fall arrest operation under normal circumstances.</p> <p>Requirements included but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Arrest Operation Plan (Job planning) for a team working where there is a fall risk position. • Risk assessment, taking the fall arrest operation planning in consideration. • Fall Protection Plan taking into consideration current legislation • Equipment inspection taking the Fall Arrest operation plan into consideration. <p><i>(The logged experience must be formally recorded and verified by any of the following designated persons: Independent, registered Fall Arrest Supervisor (PD); Fall Arrest Rescue Coordinator (PD); Rope access Supervisor (PD) or worksite supervisor or Fall Protection Planner (PD).)</i></p>
Board/ Admission Examination/ Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the IWH approved Fall Arrest Supervisor assessment • First Aid Level 1 Certificate • Proof of logged workplace experience as a Fall Arrest Technician
Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Requirements	30 CPD points in a three (3 year) cycle
Application of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)	<p>Years of experience and learning in accordance with similar training programs of a similar nature through other institutions may allow for an assessment against the designation using the IWH approved Fall Arrest Rescue Coordinator Assessment (The RPL assessment will be set against the outcomes of the Unit Standards 229994, 229995, 229998, 229999 designed by a Subject Matter Expert and approved by the IWH. This assessment will be conducted in a practical, real life simulated environment. If the candidate is found Not Yet Competent (NYC) during the assessment, he/she will be referred to an IWH recognised training provider for refresher course after which the candidate will be re-assessed</p>

Designation Title: Scaffolder

Underlying Qualification(s)	<p>Achieve the following NQF Level 1 to 3 Unit Standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAQA Unit Standard ID 229998: Explain and perform fall arrest techniques when working at height Level 1; 2 credits • SAQA Unit Standard ID 263247: Assist to erect, use and dismantle access scaffolding Level 3; 4 credits • SAQA Unit Standard ID 263245: Erect, use and dismantle access scaffolding Level 3; 5 credits
Experiential Learning and Practical Experience	<p>The Scaffolder can be registered after the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working as a Scaffold Hand for at least 6 months prior to training as Scaffolder, practicing the following skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Identifying scaffolding components ◦ Handling techniques of scaffolding equipment ◦ Identifying and marking of defective equipment ◦ Passing up/lower down of scaffolding components ◦ Housekeeping and storage of scaffolding equipment • 6 months work experience before registration as Scaffolder. • The applicant must submit a valid medical certificate of fitness.
Board/ Admission Examination/ Assessment	Complete the IWH approved Scaffolder assessment
Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Requirements	25 CPD points in a three (3 year) cycle
Application of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)	<p>An accredited training provider may consider a candidate for summative assessment (RPL) against unit standards 229998, 263247, 263245, after;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluation of a comprehensive CV and portfolio to satisfy the training provider of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of 3 years experience as a scaffolder (signed off by the employer) • Submission of Portfolio of Evidence to relevant ETQA/Quality Assurance Body

Designation Title: Advanced Scaffolder

Underlying Qualification(s)	For a candidate to be considered for an Advanced Scaffolder Designation, one has to complete the unit standards for a Scaffolder, as well as achieve the following unit standard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAQA Unit Standard ID 116691: Plan, organise and control the erection, alteration/repositioning and dismantling of load bearing scaffolding Level 4; 12 credits
Experiential Learning and Practical Experience	Working as a Scaffolder for at least 12 months prior to training as an Advanced Scaffolder.
Board/ Admission Examination/ Assessment	Complete the IWH approved Advanced Scaffolder assessment
Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Requirements	25 CPD points in a three (3 year) cycle
Application of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)	An accredited training provider may consider a candidate for summative assessment and RPL against unit standards 229998, 263247, 263245, 116691 after evaluation of a comprehensive CV and portfolio to satisfy the training provider of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of 3 years experience as an Advanced Scaffolder Proof of installations he/she was involved in over the 3 years. (log must be signed by the employer) Submission of Portfolio of Evidence to relevant ETQA/Quality Assurance Body

Designation Title: Scaffold Supervisor

Underlying Qualification(s)	For a candidate to be considered for a Scaffold Supervisor Designation, one has to complete the unit standards for an Advanced Scaffolder, as well as achieve the following unit standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAQA Unit Standard ID 263224: Supervise the erection and dismantling of access scaffolding Level 4; 12 credits SAQA Unit Standard ID 263205: Inspect access scaffolding Level 4; 6 credits
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Experiential Learning and Practical Experience	<p>The Scaffold Supervisor can be registered against the designation after completion of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered as a Scaffolder • Working as an Advanced Scaffolder for at least 12 months prior to training as a Scaffold Supervisor • The applicant must submit a valid medical certificate of fitness.
Board/ Admission Examination/Assessment	Complete the IWH approved Scaffold Supervisor assessment
Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Requirements	25 CPD points in a three (3 year) cycle
Application of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)	<p>An accredited training provider may consider a candidate for summative assessment and RPL against unit standards 229998, 263247, 263245, 116691 after evaluation of a comprehensive CV and portfolio to satisfy the training provider of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of 3 years experience as an Advanced Scaffolder • Proof of installations he/she was involved in over the 3 years. (log must be signed by the employer) • Submission of Portfolio of Evidence to relevant ETQA/Quality Assurance Body