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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO THE FORM AND TYPE OF CERTIFICATES FOR REGISTERED PERSONS

NEW SACLAP DIGITAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES POWERED BY PRIVYSEAL TO REPLACE HARD COPY CERTIFICATES AND LETTERS CONFIRMING REGISTRATION

Commencement date: 1 October 2020

The document can also be accessed from www.saclap.org.za

The South African Council for the Landscape Architectural Profession(SACLAP), has in terms of sections 11(b) and 11(c) of the Landscape Architectural Profession Act, 2000 (Act No. 45 of 2000) (the Act) prescribed and decided on the following rules according to its powers with regards to registration.

With effect from 1 October 2020, all the old Hard copy Registration Certificates and Letters Confirming Registration/Good Standing for both Professionals and Candidates will become null and void, despite the validity date specified on the certificate. They will be replaced by the new digital certificates and seals as detailed below.

The Digital Certificate and Letters of Good Standing

New certificates which are more secure will be issued to all registered persons. The first date of issue is from 24 August 2020. The Digital Certificate and Letters of Good Standing are accessed via a unique url and will reflect the time and date of download eliminating the need for further certification. Registered persons have the option to provide any of the following to external parties in order to authenticate and confirm their registration:

- The unique URL
- A PDF certificate with current date and time
- A QR Code that can be scanned

Added security features

The new certification system has the following security features:

1. Redacted Personal Information

The recent effecting of the Protection of Personal Information Act, Act no 4 of 2013, has raised the bar in terms of what personal information can be safely displayed. It is this light that SACLAP has followed the example of many other statutory and professional bodies and redacted some of the personal information such as the ID number, email addresses and the telephone numbers on the certificate by use of asterisks.

The addition of asterisks to redact part of the personal details is deemed necessary to protect these details from potential fraudsters wishing to impersonate Registered Persons. The redacted details can still be used, even with the asterisks, to validate that the certificate belongs to a particular registered person as the numbers that do reflect allow a sufficient opportunity to match with those provided to a genuine client of other third party. The redacted information is important because a certificate with no identifying elements can easily be used to impersonate a registered person.

2. Unique Serial Numbers

Clients and other third parties may check the legitimacy of the certificate by making enquiries with SACLAP using the serial number only.

3. Date and Time stamp

The digital certificate will always display with the current date of download. This feature eradicates the need for further certification

THE NEW SACLAP REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

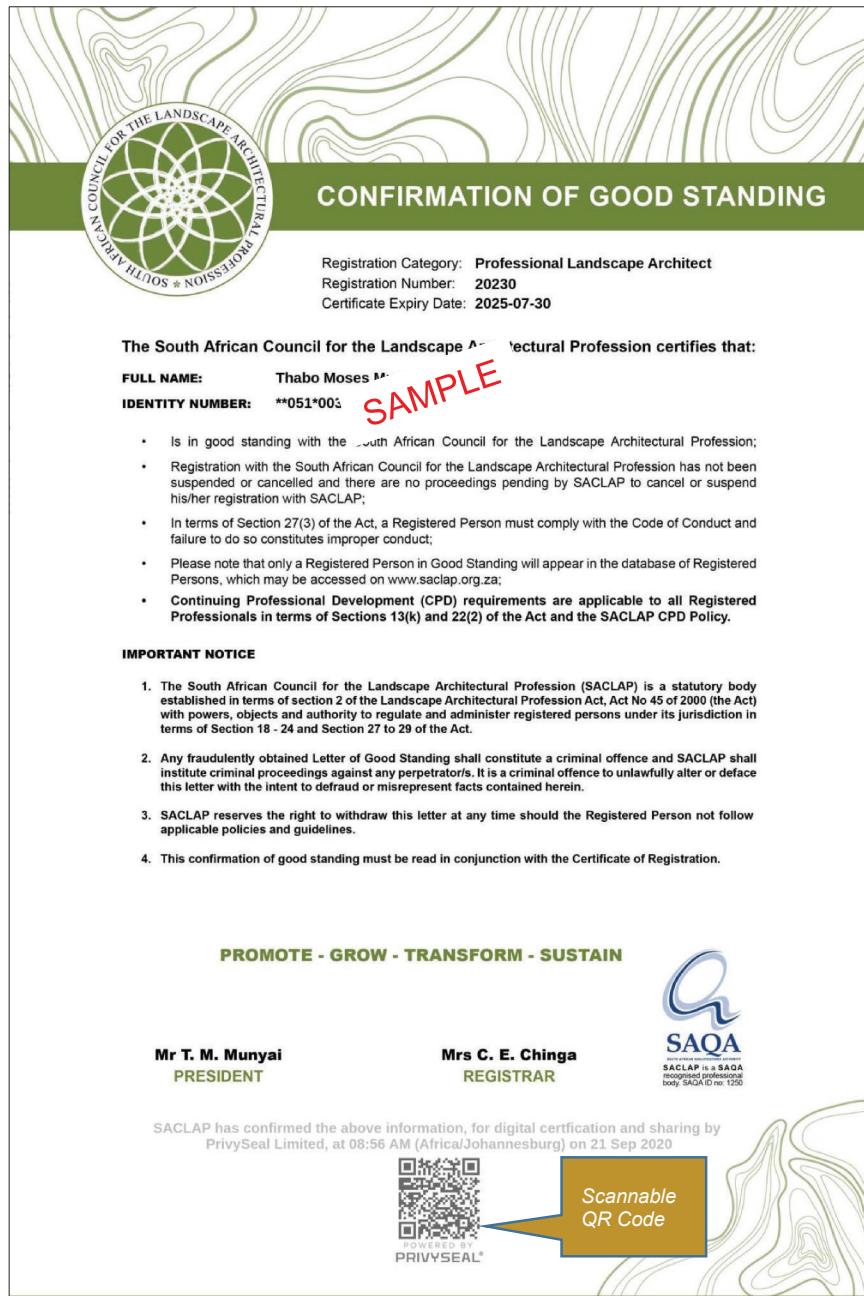


NEW DIGITAL SEAL CONFIRMING REGISTRATION

Registered persons will also be able to add the digital seals in their email signature, websites and important documents such as plans and reports. The digital seal also has the digital time and date stamp for authentication purposes.



THE NEW CONFIRMATION OF GOOD STANDING CERTIFICATE



NEW DIGITAL SEAL CONFIRMING GOOD STANDING



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