

SACNASP

South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions



Registration with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions

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Background

- **May 2012 – DAFF approaches SACNASP about the possibility to recognise Extension Science as a Field of Practise under the NSP Act of 2003.**
- **Ca. July 2013 – SACNASP COUNCIL approves and recommends recognition to Minister of DST.**
- **January 2014 – Extension Science gazetted.**

Consequences

- **It is now a legal requirement for Extension Scientists to register with SACNASP.**
- **Registered Extension Scientists are undertake to abide by the SACNASP Code of Conduct.**
- **Partnership – SACNASP, DAFF and SASAE.**

Advantages

- Legally required.
- Code of Conduct.
- Indication of competence and commitment to professionalism.
- Recognition of education and training that meets expected standards.
- Identifies scientists as having competence that employers value.

Advantages

- **Offers higher earnings, better employment prospects and career mobility.**
- **Access to a network of qualified professionals in specific areas of expertise.**
- **System motivates practitioners to improve qualifications.**
- **Preferential Personal Indemnity Insurances**

So, where to from here?

NATURAL SCIENTIFIC PROFESSIONS ACT OF 2003

- Section 18 (2) A person may not practise in any of the fields of practice listed in **Schedule I** unless he or she is registered in a **category** listed in subsection (1).
- Section 20 (1) Only a registered person may practise in a consulting capacity.

SACNASP CATEGORIES OF REGISTRATION

- Professional Natural Scientist (Pr.Sci.Nat.)
- Candidate Natural Scientist (Cand.Sci.Nat.)
- Certificated Natural Scientist (Cert.Sci.Nat.)
 - Level A
 - Level B
- Trainee Certificated Natural Scientist
- Associate Natural Scientist (Assoc.Sci.Nat.)

REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

Pr.Sci.Nat.

- **Recognised 4 YEAR DEGREE OR DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT plus three years experience.**

Cand.Sci.Nat.

- **Recognised 4 YEAR DEGREE OR DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT with no experience.**

Cert.Sci.Nat.

- **Recognised 2 or 3 YEAR DEGREE OR DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT and between one to five years experience.**

Assoc.Sci.Nat.

- **Determined by relevant Professional Advisory Committee**

Certificated Natural Scientist

Level A

A recognised 3-year National Diploma (N. Dip.) or 3-year Bachelor's Degree (B.Sc.) or the equivalent thereof with a minimum of one year appropriate work experience.

Level B

A recognised 2- or 3-year National Diploma or the equivalent thereof, followed by 3 years of work experience in the event of the 3-year qualification and 5 years work experience in the event of the 2-year qualification.

The strict requirements for the basic sciences are not considered a prerequisite for registration at this level.

Additions for Extension Science

- Professional Extension Scientist (Pr.Ext.Sci.)
- Candidate Extension Scientist (Can.Ext.Sci.)
- Extension Technologist (Ext.Tech.)
- Candidate Extension Technologist (Cand.Ext.Sci.)
- Associate Extension Technician (Assoc.Ext.Sci.)

Additions for Extension Science

- **Professional Extension Scientist**
 - PhD, Masters, 4 year degree in Extension
(minimum of 120 Extension credits)
 - At least 5 years of relevant work experience
- **Candidate Extension Scientist**
 - As above, but lacks 5 years work experience

Additions for Extension Science

- **Extension Technologist**
 - A recognised extension qualification
(minimum of 60 extension credits)
 - At least 5 years of relevant work experience
- **Candidate Extension Technologist**
 - As above, but lacks 5 years work experience

Additions for Extension Science

- **Associate Extension Technician**
(Recognition of prior learning process)
 - At least 10 years extension work but lacks appropriate training.
 - Two credible and independent witnesses to make submissions

The Registration Process

Documentation

- **Application form (signed and dated)**
- **Qualifications in A4 format (certified copies should bear original stamp and signature of a commissioner of oaths)**
- **Transcripts of academic records**
- **Abstract of project**

Documentation

- **Complete report of relevant work experience**
- **A list of all publications**
- **Marriage certificates / official proof of change of surname**
- **ID / Passport**

Documentation

Foreign Qualifications

- All of the above
- SAQA certificate
- British education system A-level subjects passed

The Registration Process

- **Complete** application received
- Professional Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Registration Committee (RC)
- Qualifications Assessment Committee (QAC)
- Council
- Appeal Process
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Fees

- **Registration fees: R 1000**
- **Annual fees**
 - **Professional: R 994.00**
 - **Certificated: R 605.00**
 - **Candidate / Trainee: R 378.00**

HOW DO I REGISTER?

www.sacnasp.org.za

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Register to be Recognised!

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Enkosi
Ha khensa
Dankie
Re a leboga
Ro livhuwa
Siyathokoza
Siyabonga
Thank you

Example 1

- NDip from Agricultural College plus 120 credits in Extension and sufficient relevant work experience
 - Certificated Natural Scientist Level B
 - Professional Extension Scientists

Example 2

- BSc Agric with 60 credits in Extension and sufficient relevant work experience
 - Professional Natural Scientists
 - Extension Technologist

