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Revised Registration Policy and Procedures

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CHAPTER 1 - BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1 BACKGROUND AND MANDATE

The South African Council for Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP) is a statutory body established by section two (2) of the Project and Construction Management Act, 2000 (Act No.48 of 2000).

The SACPCMP is empowered by section 19 of the Act to provide for statutory professional certification, registration and regulation of Project and Construction Management Professions in order to protect the public and advance construction and project management practice.

1.2 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy document is to provide guidelines for the SACPCMP policies, procedures, rules and regulations in order to assist users to have a better understanding of the SACPCMP operations and requirements. This document is structured as follows::

Chapter 2 Registrations Policy

Chapter 3 Registrations Guidelines

Chapter 4 Examination Rules

Chapter 5 Interview Policy

Chapter 6 Appeal Policy

CHAPTER 2 REGISTRATIONS POLICY

2.1 INTRODUCTION

After applying the current registration process over the years since the establishment of the Council in 2002, and having assessed some of the short comings of the process, it has become necessary to review the registration policy to address these issues.

2.2 REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

Candidates may apply to register with SACPCMP in the following categories:

- i. Professional Construction Project Manager (Pr. CPM)
- ii. Professional Construction Manager (Pr. CM)
- iii. Professional Construction Mentor (Pr. CMentor)
- Candidate Construction Project Manager
- v. Candidate Construction Manager

2.3 FLOW DIAGRAM OF REGISTRATION ROUTES

A flow diagram of the various routes available for registration is attached to this document as *Annexure A*. All applicants are expected to pass a Professional Interview (PI) before they are registered as Professionals.

2.4 NEW REGISTRATION ROUTES

The following registration routes will apply in the registration process.

2.4.1 Accredited Qualifications and Relevant Experience

If applicants are assessed and found to have accredited qualifications and to have the required relevant experience, they are then invited to attend a *Professional Interview (PI)*.

On passing the professional interview, they are registered as *Professionals* in the category for which they applied (*Pr. CPM, Pr. CM, Pr CMentor*)

If applicants fail the professional interview they are informed of the area(s) in which they have limitations and are advised to acquire further experience in the particular area(s).

Applicants can then re-apply to attend the professional interview after a minimum of 6 months from date of their previous interview.

2.4.2 Accredited Qualifications but without Relevant Experience

If applicants are assessed and found to have accredited qualifications but have not yet acquired the required relevant experience, they are registered as *Candidates* in the categories for which they applied (*Candidate CPM or Candidate CM*).

Candidates are expected to undergo training under a registered professional for a maximum of three (3) years period and complete a *Log Book* as proof of the training they have had.

After the training period, candidates will be required to submit a *report* together with their Log Book for assessment. If a candidate is perceived to have obtained relevant experience upon assessment of both the *Log Book* and the *Report*, the candidate is invited to attend the professional interview.

On passing the professional interview, a candidate will be registered as a *Professional* in the category applied for.

If upon assessment of both the *Log Book* and the *Report* a candidate is not perceived to have obtained the relevant experience, the candidate will be referred back for further training before re-applying for the professional interview.

2.4.3 Non Accredited Qualifications with or without Relevant Experience

If applicants have relevant Built Environment qualification that is not accredited, they are allowed to write the council's examination/Test of Professional Competency (TPC) in some or all modules a determined by the council.

On passing the examination/TPC applicants will be allowed to attend the professional interview if they are perceived to have the required relevant experience.

Applicants who pass the examination/TPC but do not have the required relevant experience will be registered as *Candidates*, and will be expected to go through the Candidate route for registration.

2.4.4 No formal Qualifications but with some Relevant Experience

Provision has been made for applicants who do not have the relevant formal qualification but have some substantial knowledge and experience in the field of construction project management and construction management. These applicants are allowed to go through a programme of *Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)*. The programme is designed to assess the amount of knowledge these individuals possess and credit them for their knowledge base. A decision is then made after the programme on which route they are to follow to obtain the necessary requirements for registration in an appropriate category.

Recognition of Prior Learning will be dealt with separately under the Recognition of Prior learning Policy.

2.4.5 The Academic Route

This applies to Applicants in the academic environment involved in teaching accredited courses and carrying out research activities that are relevant to the construction environment with a four years experience.