



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND TOURISM



**INTERIM CERTIFICATION BOARD FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
PRACTITIONERS OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGISTRATION AUTHORITY FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONERS IN SOUTH AFRICA  
CONSULTATIVE PROCESS WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS**

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**Call for nominations of subject matter experts for a SAQA Task Team to assist  
in the development of Unit Standards for  
Environmental Assessment Practice in South Africa  
NOMINATIONS REQUIRED BY 15 AUGUST 2007**

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The South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) and the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) are finalising a Joint Implementation Plan for the development of Unit Standards for Environmental Assessment Practice within the Standards Generating Body (SGB) for Environmental Sciences, Environmental Management and Waste Management of SAQA.

The registration of Environmental Assessment Practice Unit Standards with SAQA, in terms of the National Qualifications Framework, will enable the establishment of the specific competencies required by environmental assessment practitioners (EAPs) who *undertake and review* environmental impact assessments (EIAs) in terms of S 24 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act 107 of 1998 as amended). The registration of Unit Standards requires that a standardised SAQA process must be followed, which also involves formal advertising of the Draft Unit Standards for comment in the Government Gazette.

The Unit Standards, or description of competencies, will form the basis of the criteria for the registration of environmental assessment practitioners together with formal qualifications, experience and professional conduct and ethics. The Unit Standards will be based on the competencies described in the Draft Proposal for the Establishment of a Registration Authority for Environmental Assessment Practitioners in South Africa that is currently being revised by a Working Group mandated by national stakeholders for this purpose as part of a broad consultative process, initiated in November 2005.

A Task Team will be selected by SAQA, in co-operation with the sector, to assist with the development of the detailed content of the Unit Standards. The role of the subject matter experts will be to guide the content of the Unit Standards. The Task Team will be expected to participate in an intensive process during the next few months led by a Unit Standards development specialist. The process is likely to involve two to three two-day work sessions as well as undertaking the relevant preparation and review that can advise on the finalisation of Unit Standards for Environmental Assessment Practice. Nominees selected for the Task Team will be paid an honorarium towards covering time expenses. All travel and accommodation will be arranged by SAQA.

In order that the relevant *subject matter experts* are identified, nominations are requested by the 15 August 2007. All nominees *must be subject matter experts within EA practice in South Africa* who:

- Have an in-depth knowledge and experience of the required competencies for EA in South Africa;
- Have knowledge and experience of the relevant law, policy and regulations governing EIA in South Africa;
- Understand education, qualification and training systems under the National Qualifications Framework in South Africa; and,
- Are respected for their contribution to the development of EA practice in South Africa.

While ensuring that the relevant government department and sectoral interests are adequately represented, SAQA will also endeavour to select a Task Team that is representative of South Africa in terms of race, gender and geographic spread.

Should you wish to nominate an individual, please first establish that the proposed nominee would be willing and available to contribute to the process. Nominations must include a brief written motivation (1 page) explaining how the nominee meets the above criteria, as well as their Curriculum Vitae. Please ensure that the full contact details of the nominee are also provided.

Nominations should be sent by 15 August 2007 to Glaudin Kruger, PO Box 599, Onrusrivier, 7201, Tel 028 316 2905, Fax 088 028 316 2905, or Email: [kruger@kruger-associates.com](mailto:kruger@kruger-associates.com)