

SAAMA RECOGNISED AS A PROFESSIONAL BODY

Three years ago SAAMA embarked on a journey to achieve recognition as a professional body which would allow it to award a recognised professional designation in Asset Management. We are proud to announce that the SAQA Board has now approved the recognition of SAAMA as a professional body for an initial period of five years. It also approved the registration of the



designation “Certified Senior Practitioner in Asset Management” (CSAM) to be awarded by SAAMA. This is the first designation that will be developed and awarded, to be followed by further designations indicating different levels of proficiency in Asset Management.

The following requirements are applicable for all current and planned designations to be awarded by SAAMA:

- ✚ the applicant needs to be a member of SAAMA (but membership does not guarantee any designation);
- ✚ a minimum secondary or tertiary education level will be specified depending on the specific designation;
- ✚ the minimum years of applicable experience will be specified; ☑ the applicant must demonstrate capability in specified minimum competencies as per a defined list of competencies per designation;
- ✚ a portfolio of evidence must be submitted to this end and will be adjudicated by SAAMA;
- ✚ recognition of prior learning will be applied in line with the stated RPL policy;
- ✚ a final SAAMA examination may be imposed depending on the designation and;
- ✚ the member will need to abide by the SAAMA Code of Ethics, failing which the designated member could face a disciplinary hearing
- ✚ a number of outcomes could result, but not limited, to the suspension or revoking of the designation.

A person can apply for the CSAM designation if he or she has a Bachelor degree relevant to the field of Asset Management, has at least eight years’ experience in the field of Asset Management and has passed a specified SAAMA exam. We are currently busy designing the processes to support the awarding of the designation and plan to award the first designations in 2017. As soon as these are in place we will inform members so that they can start applying for the designation.

One of SAAMA’s main objectives is to uplift the professional status of the maintenance and asset management practitioners by raising the professional standards of maintenance and asset management in industry. This recognition by SAQA is a major step towards achieving this objective.