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## **IWH PROF BODY DESIGNATIONS and LICENCES**

### **Dear Stakeholders and Clients**

Please take note that our designation titles have changed slightly. Because we operate over several sectors, SAQA recommended to us a few years ago to reduce the number of designations and rather focus on 'Areas of Specialisation'. As you might know, we have already started the process of clustering our designation into **three main designations**. All three designations have now been registered with SAQA and we were able to request the **de-registration** of our first 9 "pilot programme" designations, however, they are not 'gone' but they are now integrated as areas of specialisation.

This was already changed on the BMS and you those of you who are involved in the upload of practitioners, will know that you select the area of specialisation under the three main groups of SAQA registered designations, i.e:

1. Certified Work at Height **TECHNICIAN** (specialising as a .....)
2. Certified Work at Height **PRACTITIONER** (specialising as a .....)
3. Certified Work at Height **PROFESSIONAL** (specialising as a .....)

You will also know that we are issuing 'licenses' (Certificates) to the **basic entries** to the Working at Height environment. Those licensees are **not** registered with SAQA under the above three designations. The licensees are basic our '**first time entries**' and can be seen in the same way as 'intern' or an 'apprentice' who is on his/her way to become a 'professional'. It might be that some of them never move to the first entry of the designations, but the person now has an 'pathway' to continuing professional development, which is one of the main objectives of the NQF.

Please remember, everything we do is proposed, planned and executed by the mandate of the members of the IWH and the registered practitioners, via the elected Chamber Chairs and Vice-Chairs (National Executive Council – NEC). If members or practitioners are not happy with anything, they are free to have it discussed at chamber level and it can then be taken up at NEC level for approval before submitting it to SAQA (if needed).

The IWH Professional Body has decided to give recognition to already Accredited Training Providers, now called '**Professional Development Partners**', to assist us with the implementation of our Board Assessments as well as Re-Assessments and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and then uploading these Assessment on our BMS portal for the IWH PB to registering practitioners and conferring designations onto these practitioners. The reasons for this decision were multi fold:

1. Most of these practitioners might not have access to the internet to register themselves.
2. Most of these practitioners do not even know what a Professional Body is or even know that they can become a 'professional' in their own right – we want to give them this opportunity.
3. Most of these practitioners would never have had the opportunity to be on a path of life-long

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professional development – we are giving them this opportunity.

4. The companies that send their employees to our recognised Professional Development Partners (Training Providers), would like a ‘one-stop-shop’ that will assist in registering their employees, and ensure that their employees are getting the correct and legit training and licensing and CPD are implemented.
5. Companies and Employers also know that the IWH PB also implement an additional layer of quality assurance to ensure proper training and to speed up the process of legitimately certifying employees to go back to work as soon as possible to continue with the work at hand.

Again, it should be noted, that these criteria and rules were set **by the members and practitioners of the IWH** to ensure that the Professional Body is not just self-sustainable, but also to ensure that accredited training is happening and to prevent ‘fly-by-night’ training for an industry that is operating in a **high-risk environment**.

Please see below the Licenses and designations, with its areas of Specialisations for notifications – please take special note of the change of Basic Fall Arrest Operator (not Basic Fall Arrest Technician anymore, as it has caused confusion within the industry):

Designation/ License	<i>AREAS OF SPECIALISATION</i>				
IWH License	Basic Fall Arrest Operator	Scaffold Hand	Ladder User (Up to 14m)	TSP User/Operator	Rope Rigger
	Fall Prevention	Rope Ladder User	Climbing Equipment Inspector	Product Specific Training: (Specify):	
Designation: Work at Height Technician	Fall Arrest Technician	Scaffold Fixer	Scaffold Tower Erector (6m Max)	Rope Access Technician	Class A Anchor System Installer
	Fall Protection Planner	Prefabricated Tower Erector	Falsework Shutterhand	MEWP Operator (Specify machine class):	
Designation: Work at Height Practitioner	Advanced Fall Arrest Rescuer	Scaffold Erector	Rope Access Practitioner	Class A Anchor Planner	Facilitator
	Advanced Fall Protection Planner	Falsework Erector	TSP Erector	Scaffold Tower Inspector (6m Max)	Assessor
	Advanced Prefabricated Tower Erector	MEWP Practitioner (min 4 types of machines- Specify):			Moderator
Designation: Work at Height Professional	Fall Arrest Supervisor	Scaffold Inspector	Rope Access Supervisor	Class A1 Falsework Inspector	Board Assessor
	Prof Fall Protection Planner	Scaffold Supervisor	Rope Access Manager	Falsework Foreman	Work at Height Instructor
	Fall Arrest Coordinator	TSP Supervisor	MEWP Professional	MEWP Demonstrator	

Kind Regards



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