

## Professional bodies in South Africa

There are statutory as well as voluntary professional bodies in South Africa. Statutory bodies (such as the Health Professions Council of South Africa and the South African Nursing Council) are established as a result of an Act of Parliament and govern the practice of specific occupations in South Africa. Voluntary (or non-statutory) bodies normally act as “create an enabling environment for professional development in a discipline, and growing the maturity of that discipline by contributing to its body of knowledge, its relevance, governing principles and accessibility to new and existing practitioners. A professional body serves as the impartial, autonomous representative of its various stakeholders in matters related to the discipline” (PMSA, <http://www.projectmanagement.org.za/?page=FAQ>).

Many professional bodies offer student registration categories to enable those who are still studying towards a qualification in the field, to join and receive specific benefits such as training, development and networking opportunities. The professional bodies websites are also valuable sources of information should you wish to do research related to specific occupations. Many professional websites also list practitioners or organisations in the field and allows you to identify individuals who you could contact for further conversations about your career.

The following is a selection of professional bodies. Access a complete list of accredited professional bodies on the SAQA website at <http://pbdesig.saqa.org.za/index.php>.

<b>Statutory/ Voluntary</b>	<b>Profession</b>	<b>Unisa qualification</b>	<b>Professional Body</b>	<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Website and/or contact e-mail</b>
Statutory	Educators	Bachelor of Education OR Bachelor's degree and Postgraduate Certificate in Education	South African Council For Educators	SACE	<a href="http://www.sace.org.za/">http://www.sace.org.za/</a>
Statutory	Social workers	Bachelor of Social Work	South African Council for Social Service Professions	SACSSP	<a href="http://www.sacssp.co.za/">http://www.sacssp.co.za/</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:mail@sacssp.co.za">mail@sacssp.co.za/</a> <a href="mailto:customercare@sacssp.co.za">customercare@sacssp.co.za</a>
Statutory	Attorneys	Bachelor of Law (LLB)	Law Society of South Africa	LSSA	<a href="http://www.lssa.org.za/">http://www.lssa.org.za/</a>
Statutory	Legal advisor	Bachelor of Law (LLB)	Corporate Lawyers Association of South Africa	CLASA	<a href="http://www.clasa.co.za/">http://www.clasa.co.za/</a>
Statutory	Advocate	Bachelor of Law (LLB)	General Council of the Bar	SABAR	<a href="http://www.sabar.co.za/">http://www.sabar.co.za/</a>

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Statutory	Professional engineering technicians and technologists	National Diploma in Engineering (mechanical, industrial, civil, electrical) Unisa does not offer training for professional engineers	Engineering Council of South Africa		<a href="https://www.ecsa.co.za/default.aspx">https://www.ecsa.co.za/default.aspx</a>
Statutory	Nurses	Unisa offers further training for professional nurses: Bachelor of Arts in Nursing Science (Health Services Management, Education and Community Health or Health Services Management and Education)	South African Nursing Council	SANC	<a href="http://www.sanc.co.za/">http://www.sanc.co.za/</a>

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Statutory and voluntary	Accountants and auditors	Accounting qualifications	South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA): <a href="http://www.saica.co.za">www.saica.co.za</a> Independent Regulatory Board of Auditors (IRBA): <a href="http://www.irba.co.za">www.irba.co.za</a> Southern African Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA): <a href="http://www.icsa.co.za">www.icsa.co.za</a> The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA): <a href="http://www.acca.org.za">www.acca.org.za</a> Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA): <a href="http://www.cimaglobal.com">www.cimaglobal.com</a> South African Institute of Professional Accountants (SAIPA): <a href="http://www.saipa.co.za">www.saipa.co.za</a> South African Institute of Business Accountants (SAIBA): <a href="http://www.saiba.org.za">www.saiba.org.za</a> Institute of Certified Bookkeepers (ICB): <a href="http://www.icb.org.za">www.icb.org.za</a> Institute of Administration and Commerce (IACSA): <a href="http://www.iacsa.co.za">www.iacsa.co.za</a> Institute of Internal Auditors (IISA): <a href="http://www.iiasa.org.za">www.iiasa.org.za</a>	Various	See under Professional Body column
Recognised controlling body for SARS tax practitioners	Tax professional	Bachelor of Accounting Sciences	South African Institute of Tax Professionals	SAITP	<a href="https://sait.site-ym.com/">https://sait.site-ym.com/</a>

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Voluntary	Human resource practitioners	Bachelor of Commerce or Diploma in Human Resource Management; Honours BCom Business Management (select HR papers); Postgraduate Diplomas in Human Resource Management, Human Resource Development or Labour Relations Management; Programme in Human Resource Management	South African Board for People Practices	SABPP	<a href="http://sabpp.co.za/">http://sabpp.co.za/</a>
Voluntary	Employee assistance practitioner and professional		Employee Assistance Professionals Association of South Africa	EAPASA	<a href="http://www.eapasa.co.za">http://www.eapasa.co.za</a>
Statutory	Psychologists/medical doctors; dentists (health professionals)	Honours/Masters in Psychology	Health Professions Council of South Africa	HPCSA	<a href="http://www.hpcsa.co.za/">http://www.hpcsa.co.za/</a>
Voluntary	Lay counsellor	Depends on registration category.	Council for the Counsellors	C4CSA	<a href="http://www.c4csa.org/">http://www.c4csa.org/</a>
Voluntary	Coach and mentor	Various qualifications including HR, psychology, industrial and organisational psychology.	Coaches and Mentors South Africa	COMENSA	<a href="http://www.comensa.org.za/">http://www.comensa.org.za/</a>
Voluntary	Public Relations and Communications	National Diploma PR; BA Communication Sciences (any B-degree including Communication Sciences as a major subject)	Public Relations Institute of Southern Africa	PRISA	<a href="http://www.prisa.co.za">http://www.prisa.co.za</a>
Voluntary	Tourism Management	Higher Certificate Tourism Management; Diploma in Tourism Management; Bachelor of Commerce in Tourism Management; Bachelor of Commerce Tourism Foundation Programme; Postgraduate Diploma in Tourism Management; Bachelor of	Southern African association for the conference industry	SAACI	<a href="http://www.saaci.org/">http://www.saaci.org/</a>
			Southern African Tourism Services Association	SATSA	<a href="http://www.satsa.com/">http://www.satsa.com/</a>
			Federated Hospitality Association of South Africa	FEDHASA	<a href="http://www.fedhasa.co.za/welcome-fedhasa.php">http://www.fedhasa.co.za/welcome-fedhasa.php</a>
			Tourism Business Council of South Africa	TBCSA	<a href="http://www.tbcsa.travel/">http://www.tbcsa.travel/</a>

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		Commerce Honours in Tourism Management; Master of Commerce in Tourism Management; Doctoral of Commerce Tourism Management	Association of Southern African Travel Agents	ASATA	<a href="http://www.asata.co.za/">http://www.asata.co.za/</a>
			Regional Tourism Organisation of South Africa	RETOSA	<a href="http://www.retosa.co.za/">http://www.retosa.co.za/</a>
Voluntary	Market researcher	BCom Marketing Management; BCom Honours Business Management; social science degrees and honours degrees (e.g. Psychology, Sociology and Anthorpology)	Southern African Marketing Research Association	SAMRA	<a href="http://www.samra.co.za/">http://www.samra.co.za/</a>
Voluntary	Compliance practitioner and professional	The preferred qualification for a Compliance Officer is an accounting (Bachelor of Accounting Sciences) or legal (LLB) degree.	Compliance Institute Southern Africa		<a href="http://www.compliancesa.com/">http://www.compliancesa.com/</a>
Statutory for certain designations	Professional Natural Scientist	Qualifications related to agricultural science, animal science, aquatic science, biological science, chemical science, earth science, ecological science, environmental science, food science, geological science, applied mathematics, operations research, microbiological sciences, water resources, zoological science	South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions	SACNASP	<a href="http://http://www.sacnasp.org.za/">http://http://www.sacnasp.org.za/</a>
Voluntary	Statistician	BSc	Institute of Certificated and Chartered Statisticians of South Africa	ICCSSA	<a href="http://www.iccssa.co.za/">http://www.iccssa.co.za/</a>
Statutory	Mine surveying technician	ND Mine Surveying	South African Council for Professional and Technical Surveyors	PLATO	<a href="http://www.plato.org.za/">http://www.plato.org.za/</a>
Voluntary	Mine surveying	ND Mine Surveying	Institute of Mine Surveyors of Southern Africa	IMSSA	<a href="http://www.ims.org.za/">http://www.ims.org.za/</a>

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Voluntary	Library and information professionals	Bachelor of Information Science	Library and Information Association of South Africa	LIASA	<a href="http://www.liasa.org.za/">http://www.liasa.org.za/</a>