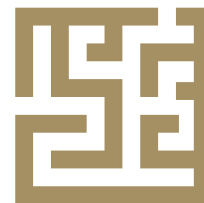


New Rules for Registration & Limited Special Dispensation (LSD)

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Inherently dangerous



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The SACPCMP registers applicants in appropriate categories of registration, which it regulates through a registration policy, to ensure that only competent persons, with the relevant underlying qualifications are registered.

Sections 11, 18 and 19 of the Act

18. (1) The categories in which a person may register in the project and construction management professions are—

- (a) professional, which is divided into—
 - (i) Professional Construction Manager; or
 - (ii) Professional Construction Project Manager; or
- (b) candidate, which is divided into—
 - (i) Candidate Construction Manager; or
 - (ii) Candidate Construction Project Manager; or
- (c) specified categories prescribed by the council.

Section 18 of the Act

18. (2) A person may not practise in any of the categories contemplated in subsection (1), unless he or she is registered in that category.

Section 18 of the Act

26. (3) A person who is not registered in terms of this Act, may not—
- (a) perform any kind of work identified for any category of registered persons;
 - (b) pretend to be, or in any manner hold or allow himself or herself to be held out as a person registered in terms of this Act;
 - (c) use the name of any registered person or any name or title referred to in section 18 or 21; or
 - (d) perform any act indicating, or calculated to lead persons to believe, that he or she is registered in terms of this Act.

Section 26 of the Act

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Why the Rules for Registration Changed

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- Addressing historic inconsistencies in registration practices
- Introduction of defined competency standards
- Strengthening professional and public protection

- Clear NQF qualification levels per registration category
- Structured competency assessment frameworks
- Formal examinations and interviews
- Ongoing CPD and compliance obligations

- Clearer entry standards
- Challenges for experienced practitioners during transition
- Risk of exclusion without transitional measures
- Need to balance access with professional standards

The SACPCMP registers management professionals in the built environment in 14 categories under the Project Construction Management, Construction Health and Safety, & Building Inspector sectors.



SIX WORK STAGES OF A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

Project Stages	Description	Definition
1	Project Initiation and Briefing	Agreeing client needs, assessing user requirements, appointment of required consultant etc.
2	Concept and Feasibility	Finalisation of the project concept and feasibility.
3	Design Development	Management, co-ordination and integration of detailed design development within project scope, time, cost and quality parameters.
4	Tender Documentation and Procurement	Preparation of necessary documentation for execution of the project timeously. Process of establishing and implementing procurement strategies and procedures.
5	Construction Documentation and Management	Management and administration of construction contracts and processes including preparation and co-ordination of necessary documentation for effective execution of project.
6	Project Close Out	Managing and administering project close-out including preparation and co-ordination of necessary documentation to facilitate effective operation of the project.

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PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

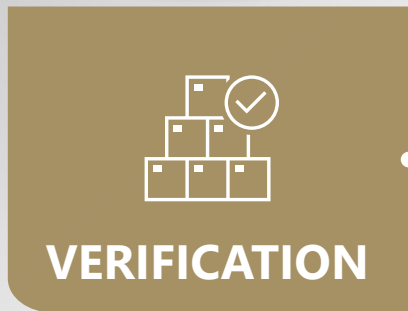
ROUTE TO REGISTRATION



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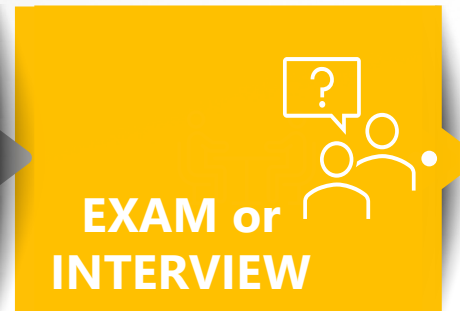
1 Week



2-4 Weeks



2-4 Weeks



4-8 Weeks



6-8 Weeks

Approximately 6 Months Total



ROUTES TO REGISTRATION

The SACPCMP allows for three different routes to professional registration within Project and Construction Management:

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Professional Registration

Recognition of Prior Learning

Candidate Registration

CATEGORIES OF REGISTRATION (PCM)

- Professional Construction Project Manager (PrCPM)
- Professional Construction Manager (Pr.CM)
- Candidate Construction Project Manager
- Candidate Construction Manager
- Professional Construction Mentor (PrCMentor)
- Construction Mentor (CMentor)



1.1.1. Registration Criteria for Professional Construction Project Managers

An applicant who wishes to apply for registration as a Professional Construction Project Manager (PrCPM) shall possess at a minimum the following:

No.	Requirement	Description	Status
a)	Qualification Requirements	- BSc Hons Construction Management NQF Level 8 - Post-graduate Diploma in Construction Management (NQF Level 8) - Bachelors of the Built Environment Honours in Construction Studies (NQF Level 8) - BSc Hons in Construction Project Management (NQF Level 8) - RPL certificate	SACPCMP Accredited (including accredited and phased out HEQSF non-aligned qualifications obtained before June 2024)
		An Equivalent Built Environment Qualification on the Recognition List (Annexure A) at NQF Level 8	Subjected to educational evaluation
b)	Years of experience requirement	Minimum of five (5) years relevant practical experience	

1.1.1. Registration Criteria for Professional Construction Managers

An applicant who wishes to apply for registration as a Professional Construction Manager (PrCM) shall possess at a minimum the following:

No.	Requirement	Description	Status
a)	Qualification Requirements	BSc Hons Construction Management NQF Level 8, 480 Credits Post-graduate Diploma in Construction Management (NQF Level 8, 480 Credits) Bachelors of the Built Environment Honours in Construction Studies (NQF Level 8, 480 Credits) BSc Hons in Construction Project	SACPCMP Accredited (<i>including accredited and phased out HEQSF non-aligned qualifications obtained before June 2024</i>)
		Management (NQF Level 8, 480 Credits) RPL Certificate	
		An Equivalent Built Environment Qualification on the Recognition List (Annexure A) at NQF Level 8, 480 Credits	Subjected to educational evaluation
b)	Years of experience requirement	Minimum of five (5) years relevant practical experience	

CATEGORIES OF REGISTRATION (CHS and BI)

- Professional Construction Health and Safety Agent (Pr. CHSA)
- Construction Health and Safety Manager (CHSM)
- Construction Health and Safety Officer (CHSO)
- Candidate categories across all the three CHS registration categories
- Certified Building Inspector (Cert.BInsp)
- Professional Building Inspector (Pr.BInsp)

1.1.1. Registration Criteria for Professional Construction Health and Safety Agent

An applicant who wishes to apply for registration as a Professional Construction Health and Safety Agent (PrCHSA) shall possess at a minimum the following:

No.	Requirement	Description	Status
a)	Qualification Requirements	- Bachelor of Construction in Health and Safety (NQF Level 7) - Advanced Diploma in Construction Health and Safety (NQF Level 7) - RPL certificate	SACPCMP Accredited <i>(including accredited and phased out HEQSF non-aligned qualifications obtained before June 2024)</i>
		An Equivalent Built Environment or Occupational Qualification on the Recognition List	Subjected to educational evaluation
No.	Requirement	Description	Status
		(Annexure A) at NQF Level 7 RPL certificate	
b)	Years of experience requirement	Minimum of seven (7) years relevant practical experience	

1.1.1. Registration Criteria Construction Health and Safety Manager

An applicant who wishes to apply for registration as a Construction Health and Safety Manager (CHSM) shall possess at a minimum the following:

No.	Requirement	Description	Status
a)	Qualification Requirements	RPL Certificate	SACPCMP Accredited <i>(including accredited and phased out)</i>
			<i>HEQSF non-aligned qualifications obtained before June 2024)</i>
		An Equivalent Built Environment or Occupational Qualification on the Recognition List (Annexure A) at NQF Level 6	Subjected to educational evaluation
b)	Years of experience requirement	Minimum of five (5) years relevant practical experience	

1.1.1. Registration Criteria for Construction Health and Safety Officer

An applicant who wishes to apply for registration as a Construction Health and Safety Officer (CHSO) shall possess at a minimum the following:

No.	Requirement	Description	Status
a)	Qualification Requirements	RPL Certificate	SACPCMP Accredited <i>(including accredited and phased out HEQSF non-aligned qualifications obtained before June 2024)</i>
		An Equivalent Built Environment or Occupational Qualification on the Recognition List (Annexure A) at NQF Level 5	Subjected to educational evaluation
b)	Years of experience requirement	Minimum of four (4) years relevant practical experience	

1.1.1. Registration Criteria for Professional Building Inspector

An applicant who wishes to apply for registration as a Professional Building Inspector

No.	Requirement	Description	Status
a)	Qualification Requirements	- BSc Construction Management (NQF Level 7) - Advanced Diploma in Construction Management (NQF Level 7) - Bachelor of Construction Management (NQF Level 7) - Bachelors of the Built Environment in Construction Studies (NQF Level 7) - Advanced Diploma Construction Management (NQF Level 7) - RPL certificate	SACPCMP Accredited <i>(including accredited and phased out HEQSF non-aligned qualifications obtained before June 2024)</i>
		An Equivalent Built Environment Qualification on the Recognition List (Annexure A) at NQF Level 7	Subjected to educational evaluation
b)	Years of experience requirement	Minimum of seven (7) years relevant practical experience	

18. (3) A person who is registered in the category of candidate must perform work in the project and construction management professions **only under the supervision and control of a professional** of a category as prescribed.

Section 18 of the Act

Legislative and Policy Framework

- PROJECT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONS ACT (ACT NO 48 OF 2000)

- SACPCMP REGISTRATION POLICY

- PROMOTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE ACT (PAJA)

- SPECIAL DISPENSATION IS GAZETTED AS A TEMPORARY EXEMPTION (OPTIONAL)

- RULES FOR REGISTRATION REMAIN THE CORE FRAMEWORK



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Application and Assessment Process



1. Online application and documentation plus, qualification verification.



2. Verification (21 days to fix issues)



3. Eligibility and Competency Assessment



4. Interview or Exam (Pass mark: 60%)



5. Confirmation of registration



Note: Special Dispensation allows temporary flexibility on qualifications and assessments

Competency and Assessment Criteria

- **Competency evaluated through:**

- **Professional Interview or Examination**

- **Score of 60% required**

- **Special Dispensation:**

What the Limited Special Dispensation (LSD) Is

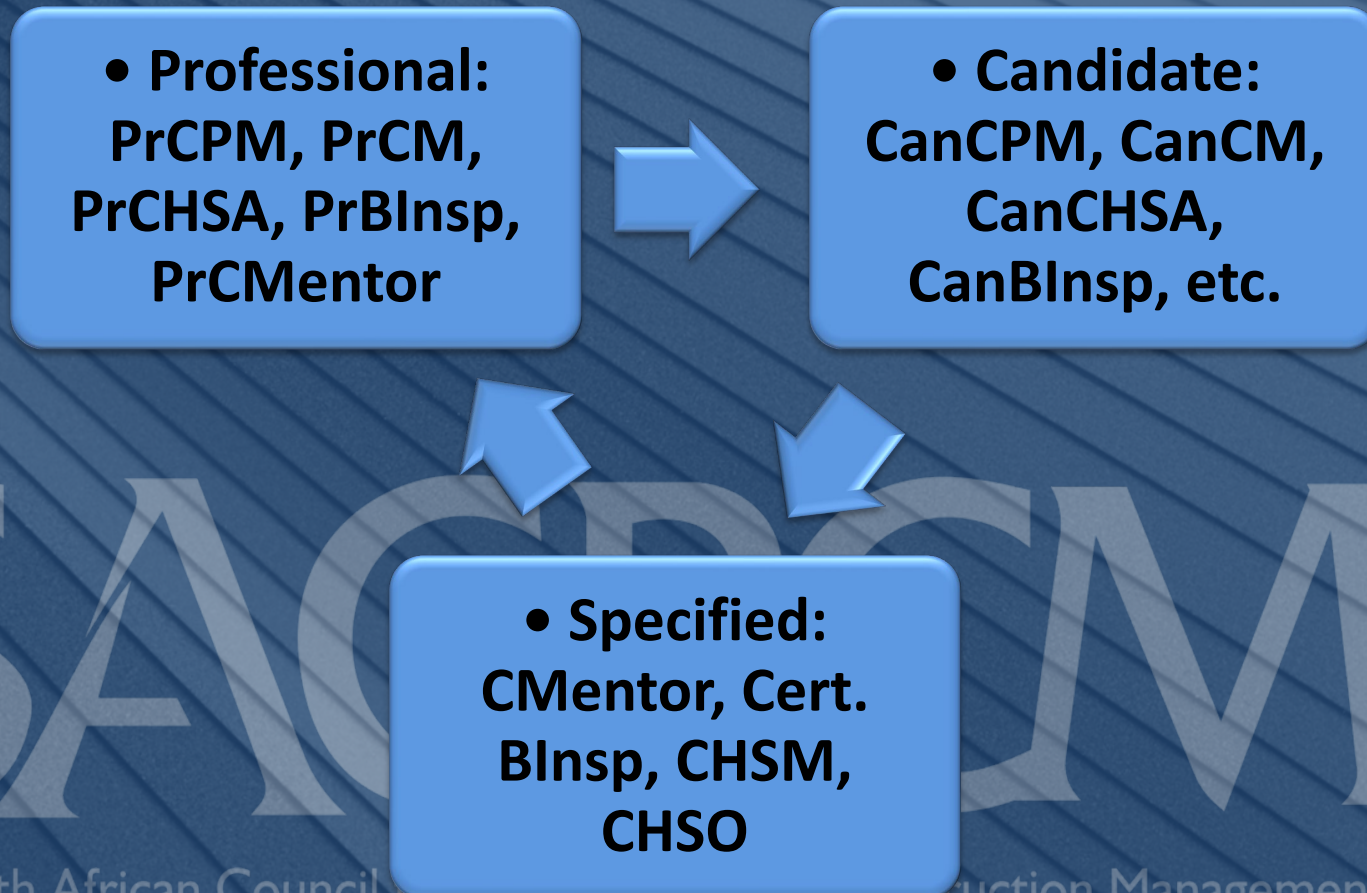
- A time-bound transitional regulatory mechanism
- Embedded within the gazetted Rules for Registration
- Applied through standard administrative processes
- Optional for applicants

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- Not a permanent policy
- Not a relaxation of professional standards
- Not automatic registration
- Not a replacement for the Rules

- Temporary competency assessment threshold adjustments
- Limited qualification level exemptions
- Qualification recognition without further evaluation
- Provisional registration subject to conditions

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Limited Special Dispensation Exemptions

- **Exemption 1**

- Competency and Assessment Criteria Threshold of 50%

- **Exemption 2**

- NQF Level

- **Exemption 3**

- Educational Evaluation.

- **Exemption 4**

- Conditions of registration

Limited Special Dispensation Exemptions



- **NQF Levels and Credits:**



- **PrCPM/PrCM: NQF 7, 360 credits**



- **PrCHSA: NQF 6, 240 credits**



- **CHSM: NQF 5, 120 credits; CHSO: NQF 5**



- **NEBOSH International Diploma NQF 7 or 8,**



- **SAMTRAC or SHEMTRAC and Equivalent NQF 5 (SAQA-accredited courses aligned to Unit Standards 117701, 120303, and 244283)**



- **Candidates – PrCPM and PrCM NQF Level 6 instead of NQF Level 7 and First 3 years of CPD Cycle**

- Provisional registration status
- Mandatory CPD and IPDM completion
- Annual monitoring of compliance
- Risk of suspension or cancellation if conditions are not met

Linking the Rules to the Limited Special Dispensation

- The Rules remain in force – the Dispensation provides temporary exemptions (optional)
- Educational requirements temporarily lowered under specific categories
- IPDM modules and CPD targets used to close qualification/competency gaps
- Provisional registration granted based on compliance with CPD-linked outcomes

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REGISTRATION CALENDAR

Quarter 2

July 2026 – September 2026

Application Window Opens (Applicants start applications online)	01 July 2026 – 14 August 2026
July 2026 - Online Examinations Bookings (Applicants pay and book for the May 2025 examination)	08 June 2026 – 21 June 2026
July 2026 - Online Examinations Sitting (Applicants sit for the examination)	29 June 2026 – 3 July 2026
September 2026 - Online Examinations Bookings (Applicants pay and book for the June 2025 examination)	06 July 2026 – 23 August 2026
September 2026 - Online Examinations Sitting (Applicants sit for the examination)	31 August 2026 – 4 September 2026
CPD Workshop (SACPCMP Hosts online CPD workshop for registered persons)	28 July 2026
Applicant Open Days (Applicants can visit the SACPCMP Office in Pretoria for application or profile assistance)	15 July 2026 – 16 July 2026
POE Workshop (SACPCMP hosts Online workshop assisting RPL applicants with their POE)	12 August 2026
Registration Application Workshops (SACPCMP hosts online registration workshops to guide applicants on the registration requirements)	15 September 2026 – 16 September 2026
Candidate Registration Application Workshops (SACPCMP hosts online candidate registration workshops to guide applicants on the registration requirements, including the requirements of the Logbook)	17 September 2026
RPL Workshop (SACPCMP hosts Online workshop assisting RPL applicants with the RPL application requirements and assistance)	18 September 2026

Quarter 3

October 2026 – December 2026

Application Window Opens (Applicants start applications online)	01 October 2026 – 13 November 2026
October 2026 - Online Examinations Bookings (Applicants pay and book for the May 2025 examination)	07 September 2026 – 20 September 2026
October 2026 - Online Examinations Sitting (Applicants sit for the examination)	28 September 2026 – 02 October 2026
November 2026 - Online Examinations Bookings (Applicants pay and book for the June 2025 examination)	05 October 2026 – 25 October 2026
November 2026 - Online Examinations Sitting (Applicants sit for the examination)	02 November 2026 – 6 November 2026
CPD Workshop (SACPCMP Hosts online CPD workshop for registered persons)	27 October 2026
Applicant Open Days (Applicants can visit the SACPCMP Office in Pretoria for application or profile assistance)	14 October 2026 – 15 October 2026
POE Workshop (SACPCMP hosts Online workshop assisting RPL applicants with their POE)	17 November 2026
Registration Application Workshops (SACPCMP hosts online registration workshops to guide applicants on the registration requirements)	30 November 2026 – 1 December 2026
Candidate Registration Application Workshops (SACPCMP hosts online candidate registration workshops to guide applicants on the registration requirements, including the requirements of the Logbook)	02 December 2026
RPL Workshop (SACPCMP hosts Online workshop assisting RPL applicants with the RPL application requirements and assistance)	03 December 2026

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Thank You

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QUESTIONS
