



Disaster Management Institute
of Southern Africa

The Professionalisation of Disaster Management

Firs round of applications for
professional designation

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Background

DMISA has pursued the professionalisation of the discipline for a number of years, and the quest to become a professional body has finally delivered results



Why professionalization

- Society deserves the best possible Disaster Management personnel
- The best people possible should be responsible for implementing the essentials of resilient communities
- They need to be recognised as professionals with a mandate for real action
- There should be recognition of and respect for the discipline
- The self-confidence and esteem of practitioners need to be strengthened
- The extent, reach and nature of the profession should be clarified and clearly delineated



SAQA Approval

- The SAQA Directorate: Registration and Recognition on 3 March 2015 informed DMISA that the SAQA Board approved the recognition of DMISA as a Professional Body for the purposes of the NQF Act, Act 67 of 2008 and also approved the registration of the designation “Disaster Management Professional” as a Professional Designation on the NQF.



SAQA Approval

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Dear Mr Adams

RECOGNITION OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (DMISA) AS A PROFESSIONAL BODY AND REGISTRATION OF ITS PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

The Directorate: Registration and Recognition is pleased to inform you that the SAQA Board approved the recognition of the Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa (DMISA) as a Professional Body for the purposes of the NQF Act, Act 67 of 2008. It also approved the registration of the following Professional Designations on the NQF:

- Disaster Management Professional



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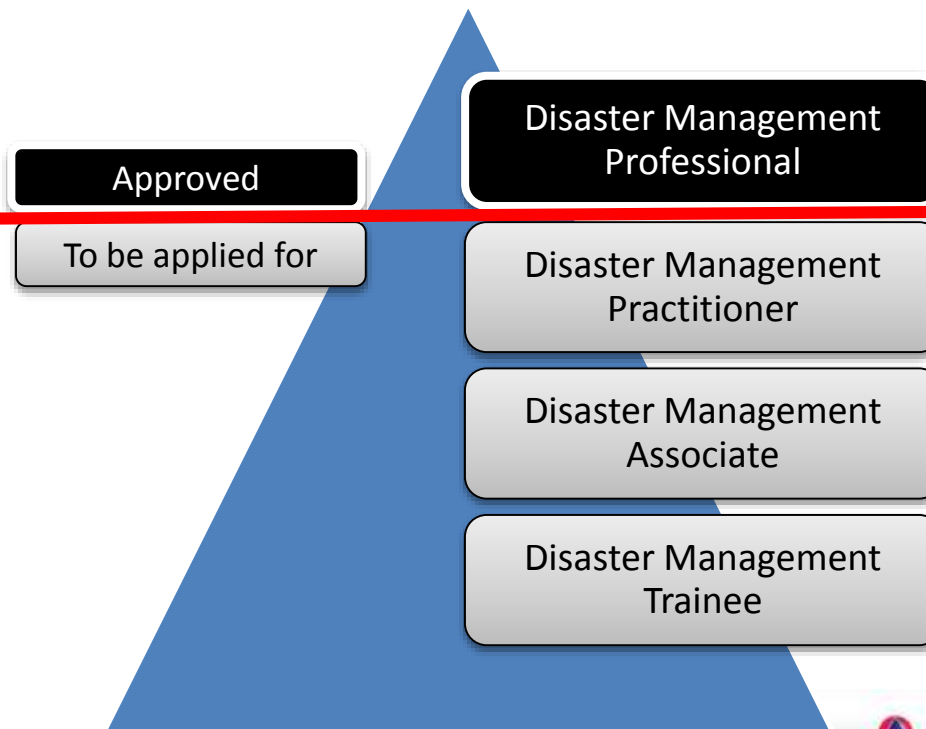
SAQA Approval Contents

The existing SAQA approval of DMISA as Professional Body for Disaster Management and of the designation contains the following detail:



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- Designation:
 - Disaster Management Professional



Disaster Management Professional SAQA Approval Contents

- Underlying qualification(s):
 - Disaster Risk Management Qualification at NQF level 7

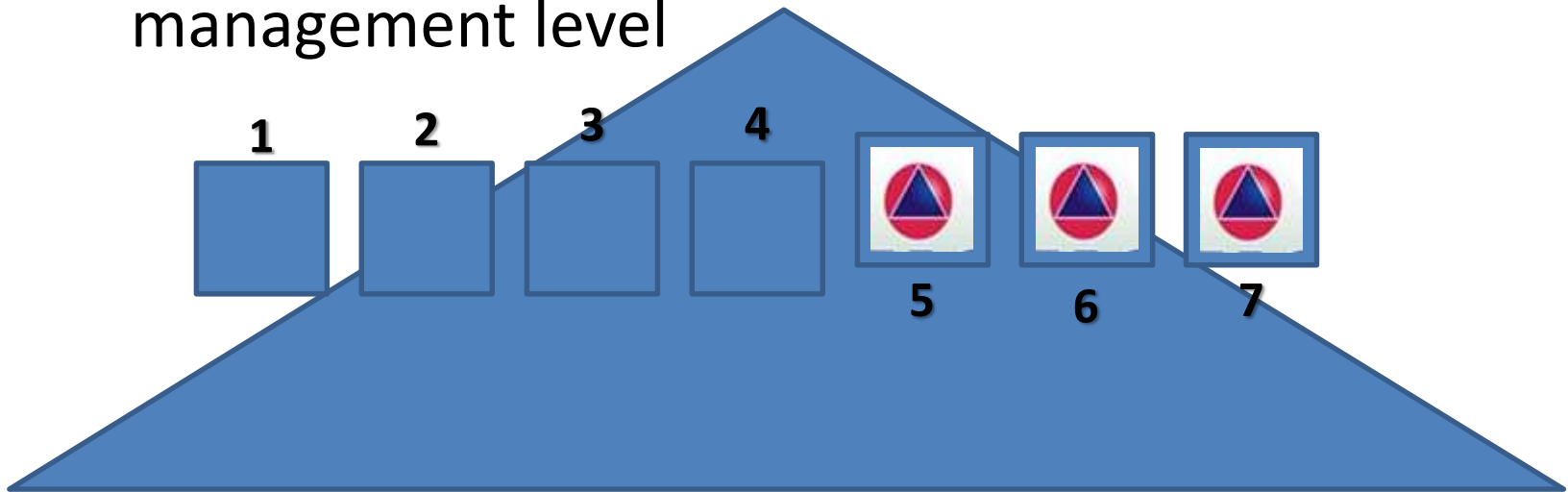
Level	Description
10	Doctorate Degree
9	Master's Degree
8	Honours Degree
7	Bachelor's Degree / Advanced Diploma
6	Advanced Certificate / National Diploma
5	Higher Certificate
4	Grade 12 / NSC / FET Certificate
3	Grade 11
2	Grade 10
1	Grade 9

Disaster Management
Professional



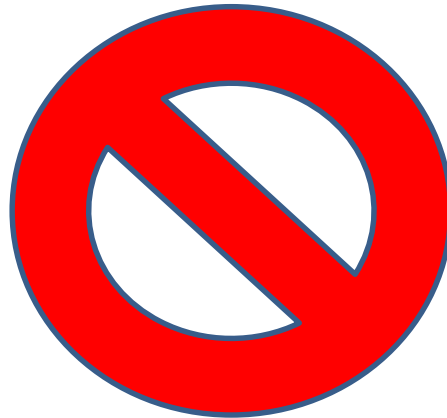
Disaster Management Professional SAQA Approval Contents: Experience

- Experiential learning and practical experience:
 - 7 years experience in a senior management position of which at least 3 should have been in a full time disaster management position at a management level



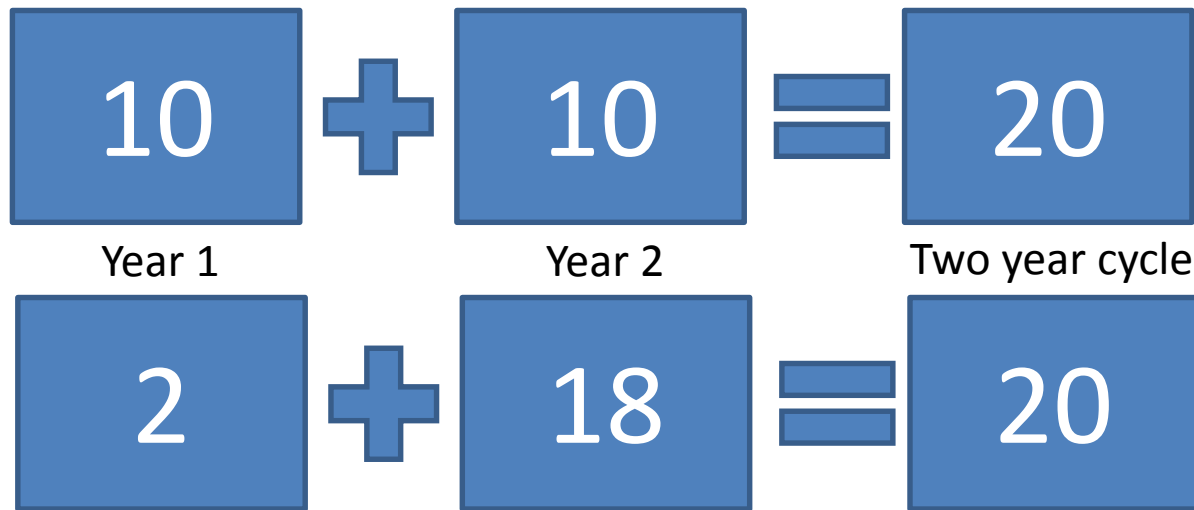
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- Board/ Admission Examination/Assessment:
 - None



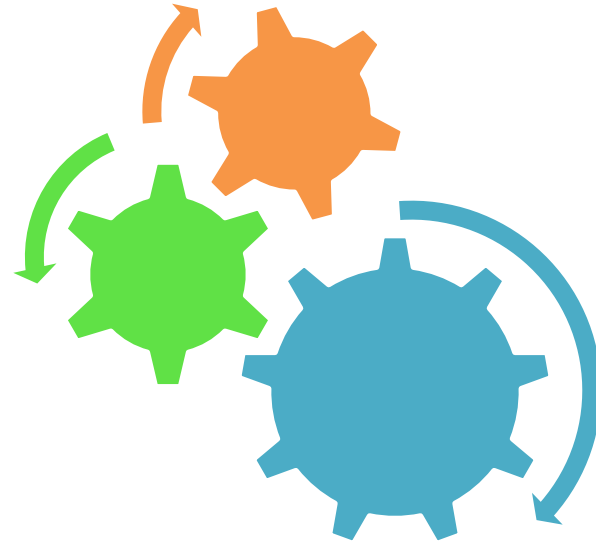
Disaster Management Professional SAQA Approval Contents: CPD

- Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Requirements:
 - 10 CPD points per year or 20 in a two year cycle”



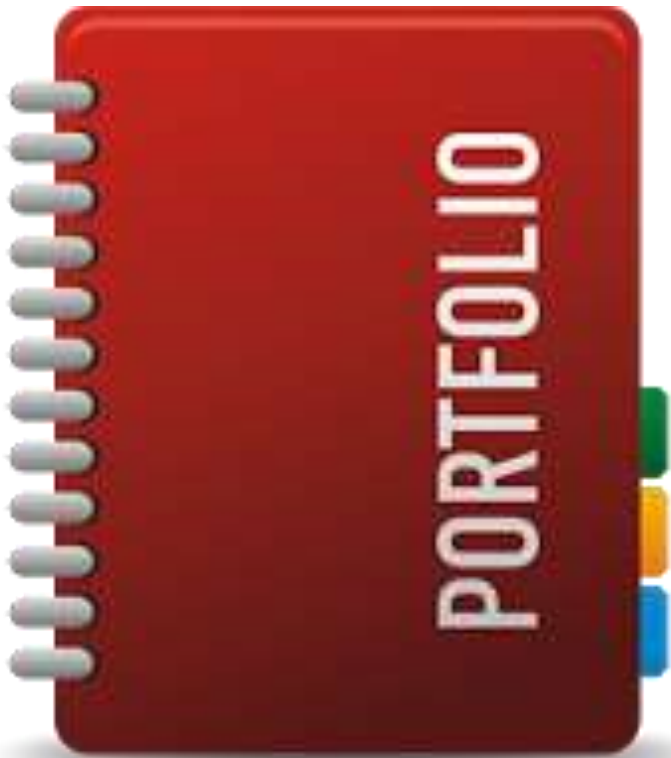
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- Additional requirements:
 - Code EB Drivers license
 - Project Management
 - Financial Management



Disaster Management Professional SAQA Approval Contents - RPL

- Application of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL):
 - Members may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning. The assessment will be conducted by two assessors acting independently and for moderation by a third party.



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- Portfolio of evidence to be assessed, moderated

RPL considerations for designation:

Disaster Management Professional

Any NQF 5 +

15-20 years in the field of DisMan

Any NQF 6 +

10-15 years in the field of DisMan

Any NQF 7 +

8-10 years in the field of DisMan

Any NQF 8 +

5-8 years in the field of DisMan



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(Proposed) Designation: Disaster Management Practitioner

NQF (7) in DisMan	3 years in the field of DisMan
Any NQF 5 +	10-15 years in the field of DisMan
Any NQF 6 +	8-10 years in the field of DisMan
Any NQF 7 +	5-8 years in the field of DisMan



(Proposed) Designation: Disaster Management Associate

NQF 6 in DisMan	3 years in the field of DisMan
Any NQF 5 +	8-10 years in the field of DisMan
Any NQF 6 +	5-8 years in the field of DisMan
Any NQF 7 +	3-5 years in the field of DisMan



(Proposed) Designation: Disaster Management Trainee

NQF 5 in DisMan	3 years in the field of DisMan
Any NQF 5 +	5-8 years in the field of DisMan
Any NQF 6 +	3-5 years in the field of DisMan
Any NQF 7 +	1-3 years in the field of DisMan

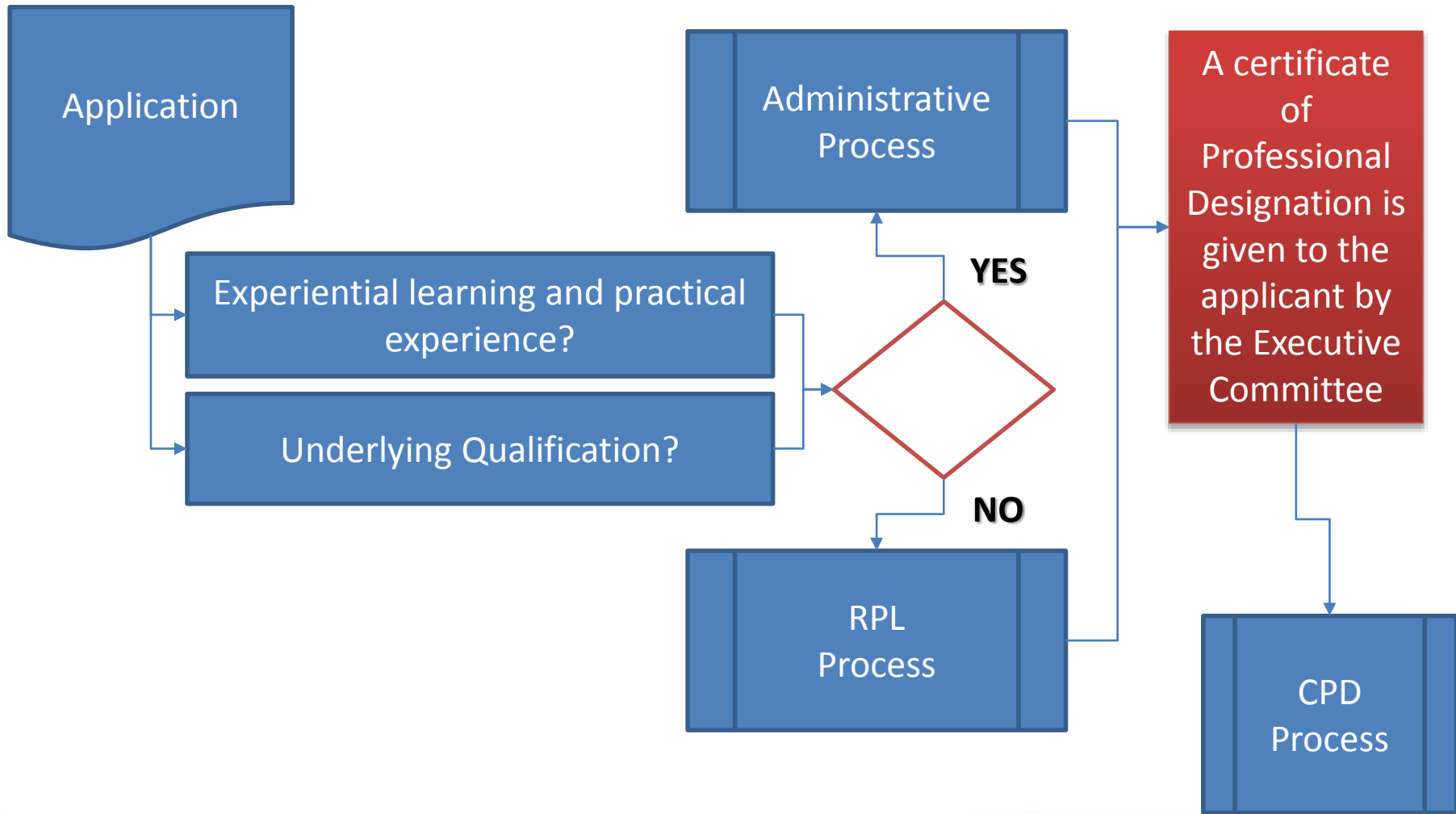


Designation Awarding Process

- Candidates who have completed a relevant qualification and the necessary practical/workplace experience may apply to become members and to be awarded a DMISA Professional Designation.
- The application is processed by the administrative staff for completeness, is then independently assessed and moderated and if approved submitted to the DMISA Executive Committee for approval.
- The applications are considered by the Executive Committee and the Professional Designation awarded or the application rejected on the basis of non-compliance with the criteria or because of known previous unprofessional conduct.
- A certificate of Professional Designation is given to the applicant by the Executive Committee



Designation Awarding Process



Approval = Responsibility

- It is important to keep in mind that the purpose of a professional body is quality control, i.e. to protect the public by ensuring that competent practitioners provide the required level of service.
- When issuing the “licence to practice”, the professional body must ensure that the practitioner is competent to perform the tasks associated with that profession.



Context of current DMISA Membership

- Existing Corporate/Graduate/Fellow Membership of DMISA, combined with qualifications, will strengthen an RPL portfolio of evidence.
- Years of active membership can add value to the RPL process.



Way Forward

- Finalisation of registration procedure
 - Assessors and moderators
 - Registration fee
 - Application form to be approved by EXCO
- The invitation to apply and the application form and process will be uploaded on the DMISA website www.disaster.co.za.



Thank you

