



**SACAP E- Newsletter: May 2017**  
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Dear Registered Person

Earlier this week we celebrated #WorkersDay2017, and it was obvious how many sectors of our society are still striving, as a collective, for transformation that leads to a better future for all. Proudly, next week, SACAP is at long last making a very tangible and significant contribution to transforming the profession, which, in the long term, will facilitate spatial transformation of the built environment. On Monday 8 May we are pressing the “go” button on SACAP’s Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programme, with its first online component. A true first amongst all six of the registered professional councils within South Africa’s Built Environment.

On 8 May, anyone who is already registered as an architectural professional and that have met the criteria for an RPL assessment, can apply for the online self-assessment phase of the RPL process. SACAP will be sending out a press release explaining the RPL process in more detail and the online application form and tutorial will be located on the Registration section of the SACAP website [www.sacapsa.com](http://www.sacapsa.com). We sincerely hope that it becomes a resource for architecture’s “Missing Middle” to live the professional life they are capable of living. After all, just as Nelson Mandela once said: “There is no passion to be found in living a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.”

We are also very pleased to let you know that the new Minister of Public Works, the Honourable Mr Nathi Nhleko, has granted SACAP’s Council an opportunity to meet with him – also next week - on 10 May. As many of you are aware, through our website notices, SACAP has been seeking this opportunity to discuss and receive from the Minister’s office, direction and guidance on how to approach providing you with an IDoW Policy Framework and Professional Fees Guideline. Although the Competition Commission, until now, has deemed the IDoW Policy Framework and Professional Fee Guideline anti-competitive, the publication of these documents are still amongst SACAP’s 13 mandates to provide to the profession, the public, and other recognised stakeholders. There has been much frustration all round in this ‘lacuna’, this blank space. Often with change comes uncertainty. However, SACAP’s leadership is committed to ensuring as smooth a process as possible.

This Ministerial meeting with the delegation led by SACAP's President Yashaen Luckan will give the new DPW Minister an opportunity to be brought up to speed on the turn-around strategy that the then new 4<sup>th</sup> Term Council initiated in mid-2014. It will also provide an opportunity to highlight the progress and significant achievements of SACAP's EXCO, since inception. President Yashaen Luckan together with the Council is committed to demonstrating SACAP's values of transparency, integrity, responsibility, respect, excellency and cohesiveness and is doing everything it can to nurture the new seeds that have been planted and are germinating.

Meanwhile, in the field of practice, you will be interested to learn that a new wave of professionals are entering the registration category of Professional Architectural Draughtpersons. SACAP has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The African Institute of the Interior Design Professions (IID), in order to recognise it as a Voluntary Association of SACAP. SACAP's Professional Statutory Services (PSS) Unit is registering those IID's members who qualify for the professional categorisation onto its register. It's an exciting development within the profession to be bringing all these practising professionals into the profession.

Well done to all who wrote their Professional Practice Examination (PPE) last week. As you will have seen from our social media feeds, applicants around the country wrote the exam in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Port Elizabeth, East London, Cape Town, Durban and even a few in the UK and Germany. There were 243 applicants who registered for the exam and those who indeed made it to the exam venues now await their results from our PPS Unit. The date for the release of these results will be communicated via e-mail once finalised. We hold thumbs that they demonstrated they can continue to maintain and raise the levels of excellence in this noble profession.

After much deliberation and planning by the CPD Committee, SACAP has published the CPD conditions relating to continuing professional development and renewal of registration in [Board Notice 43 of 2017](#) available on our website.

Before I close, I'm also happy to share with you that our Architectural Student Forum met in Johannesburg for the second time in March, to define their terms of reference. This Forum will be instrumental in advocating for architectural students' needs and we salute their leadership and look forward to working with them.

We look forward to you joining our conversation on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SACAPOfficialPage](http://www.facebook.com/SACAPOfficialPage) or to you following us on Twitter [@SACAPSA](#) if you have not done so already. I look forward to hearing from you.

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