

Professional Body Recognition: Implications for the new professional

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Purpose of Professional Bodies

- Promote public understanding of, and trust in, professions
- Encourage social responsibility and accountability within the professions
- Promote pride in the sector's association
- Promote the protection of the public by the PB from malpractice
- Facilitate access to data related to a profession
- Support the development of a national career advise system
- Encourage the development and implementation of CPD

The NQF Act 67 of 2008
defines:

**What is a
Professional
Body?**

“Professional Body” means
any body of expert
practitioners in an
occupational field, and
includes an occupational
body



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Criteria for the recognition of Professional Bodies

- Legally constituted entity with the necessary human and financial resources
- Governed either by a statute, charter or a constitution

Constituted



- Protect public in relation to the services provided by its members

Protect public



- Develop
- Award
- Monitor
- Revoke
- In terms of own rules, legislation and/or international conventions

Professional designations



- Publish a Code of conduct
- Operate a mechanism for investigating members that contravene the code of conduct

Code of Conduct



- Set criteria for CPD
- Promote CPD
- Monitor CPD

CPD



- Submit a list of members in a form acceptable to SAQA

Data





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Designations

The NQF Act 67 of 2008
defines:

**What is a
Designation?**

“Professional Designation”
means a title or status
conferred by a Professional
Body in recognition of a
person’s expertise and/or
right to practice in an
occupational field.

**A designation is not a
qualification**



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Criteria for a Professional Designation

**Awarding
Criteria**

Registered Underlying Qualification/
Part-Qualification
(compulsory)

Experiential Learning
(compulsory)

Recognition of Prior Learning
(compulsory)

Board Exam/Competency Test
(optional)

Subscribe

Code of Conduct/Ethics
(compulsory) Adherence

Continuing Professional Development
(compulsory)

Fees
(compulsory)

**Retaining
Criteria**



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**A Professional Designation is
awarded in recognition of proven
competence.**



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