



# Constitution

**South African Committee  
for the  
Qualification and Certification of Personnel  
in the  
Corrosion Protection Industry**

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## 1. SCOPE

The object of the South African Qualifications and Certifications Committee for Corrosion Protection (SAQCC) is to establish procedures for the qualification and certification of personnel in the Corrosion Protection Industry, which can be acknowledged by authorities, ruling bodies, inspection agencies, etc., as an adequate means of proving that an operator is qualified. It is intended that the qualification requirements shall be, as far as possible, equivalent to best practice in major international industrial communities.

The committee sets the syllabi and standards under which training is provided by outside training organisations and then conducts the examination and certification of the candidates.

The committee will issue certificates of competency and/or qualification diplomas and maintain a database and records of candidates who have passed the various SAQCC training courses.

The committee will, from time to time, update syllabi and examinations to keep up-to-date with technology.

The committee will review, accredit and approve course training material submitted from training institutions and service providers subject to those meeting the necessary requirements.

The certificates indicate that the holder was independently examined and found competent to carry out that specific type of activity.

The training institutions or training service providers licensed by the SAQCC (Corrosion Protection) to run Accredited courses shall:

- (a) provide the necessary support and facilities for the proper execution of the specific type of testing indicated in the certificate.
- (b) take full responsibility for all activities carried out in accordance with the service providers written practice by operator employed within the specific type of activity indicated in the certificate.
- (c) ensure that the trainee is physically capable of carrying out his duties at all times.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

### 2.1 *Activity*

A job function, such as inspecting, supervising, installing, etc. in the Corrosion Protection Industry that requires a certificated or proven level of competence.

### 2.2 *Qualifications*

General and specific ability to be able to perform properly the duties of a specific activity.

### 2.3 *Basic Education*

General knowledge acquired at schools and during courses and pre-supposed necessary for applicants to be considered for training in a specific activity.

### 2.4 *Training*

Teaching programme designed to impart the theoretical knowledge and practical skills considered necessary for certification.



2.5 **Practical Experience**

Familiarity with a specific activity, acquired through a sufficient period of practical usage.

2.6 **Certificate**

A certificate issued by the South African Qualification and Certification Committee (Corrosion Protection) to be a successful candidate.

2.7 **Approved Training Courses**

The revision of a syllabus and its formal issuing will automatically invalidate the previous revision of such a syllabus and any approvals of training courses issued against that revision.

It follows that after a revision of a syllabus that training institutions must revise their courses accordingly and resubmit for approval, within a 6 month period from the date the revised syllabus is issued by the committee and becomes available to the service providers.

Failure of the service provider to upgrade his course training material in accordance with the syllabus will result in withdrawal of SAQCC (Corrosion Protection) approval of that training course and a refusal by the SAQCC (Corrosion Protection) to issue certificates.

Approval of new training service providers by the SAQCC (Corrosion Protection) must consider conflicts of interest and limit or alternatively not approve new training service providers should they become aware of such conflicts of interest.

The service providers must swear under oath that he submits his own intellectual property or has legal access to and are legally entitled to the use thereof.

Any approval may be withdrawn by the SAQCC (Corrosion Protection) for foul play or conflict of interest.

3. **CERTIFICATED ACTIVITIES**

The activities certificated shall be those that are required by the Corrosion Industry from time to time. Typical activities that would be certificated are:

- Inspection (e.g. Paint, Galvanizing, Metal Spraying)
- Supervision (e.g. Painting)
- Application (e.g. Paint, Rubber Lining, Fibre Glass)
- Cathodic Protection
- Industry's Specific Training courses (e.g. Water Industry's)

and any other activities for which there is sufficient demand that would warrant the setting up and administration of a certification course.

The recommended training periods and minimum levels of practical experience, as well as the subjects that shall be covered by such courses for each activity, shall be defined in the Syllabi.

The examinations for all courses shall be based on competency.

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