

Engineers in Local Authority Service!

The South African Institution of Civil Engineering, SAICE can assist to advance your career, and to offer support in initiatives which will improve the quality of life in the community you serve!

Local Authority engineers has a complex and responsible role in a complicated profession. The local authority sector is charged with delivering services to all citizens, and South Africans are requiring efficient performance by local authorities. In terms of the South African Constitution and statutory framework, even the most remote communities have a right to basic municipal infrastructure.

As a Local Authority official and Municipal engineer you have a huge responsibility to understand and co-operate with the various disciplines and skills which are associated with the municipal environment.

In order to deliver effective, viable and sustainable infrastructure and services, the following principles and issues are of crucial importance

1. Are you utilizing the most appropriate opportunities to extend and enhance your skills and capacity?

- **SAICE provides a programme of continuing professional development to keep you abreast of and in touch with advanced skills and new knowledge.**

2. Do you have the opportunity to meet with and liaise with your peer and to exchange ideas and to benefit from the experience of others?

- **SAICE provides opportunities to network and to share information.**

3. Are you informed about developments in the profession?

- **SAICE publishes a Magazine, a Technical Journal, newsletters, codes of practice, guidelines and in addition organises meetings, site visits, seminars and conferences which provide up-to-date information on the state of the art.**

4. Do you know the influential leaders and members in the profession and the industry and do they in turn notice and know you?

- **The best way to find out who's who, and to gain personal recognition, is to participate in SAICE meetings and events. In addition serving in a SAICE committee will demonstrate your ability and ensure you recognition and visibility.**

5. Do you need assistance with the professional registration requirements and procedures of the Engineering Council of SA (ECSA)?

- **SAICE National office plays a major role in facilitating the process and can identify mentors who can assist you to become registered.**

6. Have you developed a broader picture of the profession?

- **SAICE stocks a range of publications produced by SAICE, Thomas Telford, IstructE and many other Sources, which can keep you informed and assist with your studies in specialised areas, to build up a reference library, or simply develop your knowledge about your profession.**

7. A number of specialised sub-disciplines exist within the Civil Engineering profession and you have to make an informed decision about all the available options before choosing a career in any a particular field.

- **SAICE activities can assist you to observe and take note of all facets of the industry.**

8. Recognition for your achievements form an important part of your career and development as a professional

- **Your research projects, technical achievements and professional experiences can be recorded and published in the SAICE Journal, the SAICE Magazine and presented at SAICE events.**

9. Contributions to the development of best practice technical documents, which will benefit the profession forms an important corner stone of the development of the profession, the industry and the country.

- **You can advance your own skills and knowledge by assisting and contributing to development of standard specifications, guidelines, codes of practice and other documentation for use in the profession for which SAICE is the recognized local leader.**

10. Should you be required to set up a panel of consultants and contractors who will be able to provide their services to execute projects satisfactorily you need to know the members of the profession and the industry and in turn you should be respected and known to them.

- **To find out who's who, and to earn personal recognition, your participation in SAICE meetings, serving in SAICE committees and attending events facilities and enhances the process and introduces you to leaders and promotes peer recognition of your achievements and expertise.**

11. Younger engineers need assistance with the development in forming their careers and you should acquire the ability and invest the time to assist with the development younger members of your staff.

- **SAICE distributes a guideline for mentors as one part of the professional registration suite of documents.**

Did YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Professional registration fees levied by ECSA are reduced to SAICE members
- ✓ SAICE subscriptions qualify for tax deductions in the names of the individual
- ✓ SAICE members often qualify for reduced rates for congresses and seminars
- ✓ SAICE manages a merit driven bursary scheme (SPEBS) to assist students with supplementary funds once they have completed the first part of their studies

The Civil Engineering Team is becoming more interdependent. You can rise to the top as an important and respected member of the profession if you utilize the oportunities available.

SAICE can assist you to realise your full potential. As a member of SAICE you have a better chance of success in your career.

SAICE is the organisation where all sectors of the profession meet and integrate.

Join SAICE and keep in touch with the entire profession Together we can

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