



## REGISTRATION AND RECOGNITION UNIT

### EVALUATION REPORT FOR THE REGISTRATION OF AN ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION FOR PROFESSIONAL BODIES ALREADY RECOGNISED BY SAQA

<b>Name of Professional Body</b>	Institute for Work at Height (IWH)
<b>Statutory or Non-Statutory Body</b>	Non-statutory
<b>Application Approved by Board/Council</b>	Yes
<b>Application Signed by CEO / Registrar/ Board Chairperson</b>	Yes
<b>Registered Designations</b>	Certified Work at Height Technician Certified Work at Height Practitioner Certified Work at Height Professional
<b>Designation Applied for</b>	Certified Work at Height Master Professional (IWHM.Prof)
<b>Date of Recognition</b>	28 November 2012
<b>Date of Gazette Notice</b>	1 July 2022

#### 1. BACKGROUND OF THE PROFESSIONAL BODY

The Institute for Work at Height (IWH) is a SAQA recognised professional body that was initially formed as a trade organisation in January 2009. It is a merger of the Specialised Access Engineering Manufacturers Association (SAEMA) and the Rope Access and Fall Arrest Association (RAFAA). It aims at creating safety awareness and in turn “professionalism in the overall Work at Height Industry”. Soon other sectors of the work at height industry joined, and the seven different chambers were created.

The members all agreed that their input in the development of the necessary skills was lacking and thus they decided to apply for the registration of a Professional Body.

On 28 November 2012, the IWH was recognised as a professional body by the South African Qualification Authority (SAQA).

#### 2. MOTIVATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE ADDITIONAL DESIGNATION

The Certified Work at Height Master Professional is a need expressed by the work at height industry for the formal recognition of those identified/selected professionals who may be consulted, as apex subject matter experts for *inter alia*, the development of compliance standards, reporting on incidents and accidents, development of new legislation and regulated codes of practice.

The Certified Work at Height Master Professional is the acknowledged leading expert in his/her field of endeavour.

#### 3. CRITERIA FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION

The criteria for the awarding of the additional professional designations below complies with the SAQA *Policy and Criteria for Recognising a Professional Body and Registering a Professional Designation for*

the Purposes of the National Qualifications Framework Act, Act 67 of 2008 (as amended, September 2020) and the designation complements those already registered, creating a designation pathway.

#### **4. PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION**

##### **4.1 Designation Title:** Certified Work at Height Master Professional (IWHM.Prof)

##### **Short description**

The Certified Work at Height Master Professional (IWHM.Prof) designation will be bestowed on a number of individuals and is conferred on someone who has extensive depth and width of knowledge as affirmed by being the holder of a previously conferred “Work at Height Professional Designation” with significant additional experience, as set out below.

##### **AWARDING CRITERIA**

For the Master Professional Designation to be awarded, professionals must comply with the following minimum requirements:

##### **Underlying NQF Registered Qualification**

No additional qualification will be required. Holding the professional designation of “Certified Work at Height Professional” which indicates that the holder has the necessary underlying qualification, skill, and experience commensurate with that designation.

##### **Experience/Practical Experience/Experiential Learning**

To attain this designation, the individual requires at least 15 years of proven, broad experience in the work at height industry and be able to demonstrate an unequalled knowledge in a particular discipline and proven track record of contributing to the growth of the distinctive competencies of lesser designated individuals.

The Certified Work at Height Master Professional can be registered, if:

1. the person is generally acknowledged as the leading expert in a particular field of endeavour within the Work at Height industry and will drive research and development to grow industry’s knowledge base to enhance its professional status; and
2. this individual acts as mentor and advisor to industry and called upon to represent industry in discussions and negotiations with Statutory Bodies such as Regulators and Policy Makers and may be called on to assist these bodies in incident investigations and drafting of new guidelines and regulations affecting industry.

Being conferred with this designation proclaims that the holder has reached the pinnacle of professionalism in a particular discipline of working at height.

##### **Competency Assessment / Board Examination**

No Board Assessment will be conducted but the Certified Work at Height Master Professional. The candidate will be nominated by their peers serving on the governing structures (The National Executive Council) of the IWH and if invited, will have to submit proof of the following:

- (a) work experience of at least 15 years in the construction/mining/occupational health and safety/fire and rescue services /industrial cleaning or hiring environment. A comprehensive *curriculum vitae* (CV) is required;
- (b) proven contribution to the enrichment of the Work at Height industry; and
- (c) a minimum of 15 years of active involvement within the work at height industry.

##### **Designation Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Statement**

A candidate that does not have any of the underlying qualifications may be considered for registration against this designation after the evaluation of a comprehensive CV and Dossier of Competence to satisfy the IWH of the following:

- proof of 15 years relevant workplace experience in any of the relevant areas of specialisation, i.e., Scaffold, Falsework, Rope Access, Fall Protection, MEWP, SAE environment;

- an understanding of, and practical experience of 'working at height';
- two nominations from the industry attesting to contributed impact in an organisation and wider; and
- a Certificate of Medical Fitness (if applicable).

#### **Designation Competencies:**

Achieving Master Professional status is the highest designation an IWH professional can ascend to. This designation represents a demonstration of in-depth knowledge of, and active involvement in an area of expertise in the working at height industry. As a Certified Work at Height Master Professional:

- the person will act as the leading expert in his/her field;
- actively contribute to the development and raising of standards;
- share knowledge via projects, seminars and published contributions;
- his/her teachings or doctrines will be peer reviewed and acknowledged;
- the person will oversee the development of CPD programmes, writing of Standard Operating Procedures/Method Statements, Guidelines, Best Practice Notes; and
- be involved in incident investigations and serve on Technical Committees/working groups of the South African Bureau of Standards or other standard generating bodies/international organisations.

#### **RETAINING CRITERIA**

In order to ensure the currency of professional knowledge and to retain the Professional Designation, the professional must comply with the following minimum requirements:

#### **Code of Conduct**

Members must adhere to the professional body Code of Conduct and/or Ethics.

#### **Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Requirements**

For re-registration after three years, the candidate will have to accumulate:

Proof of six CPD points

- Attended any of the IWH registered CPD programmes/activities/presentations = 3 CPD Points
- Membership with any other related local or international association/body = 2 CPD Points
- Subscription to industry related trade magazine = 1 CPD Points (max)
- Attendance of Work at Height conferences = 2 CPD Points
- NEC/IWH Committee member or of another recognised association/body nationally or internationally = 2 CPD Points
- Registered with the IWH as a constituent assessor/moderator = 2 CDP Points
- Author of book/published article relating to work at height = 2 CPD Points
- Evidence of CPD for a specific occupation = 2 CPD Points (e.g. Engineer, Electrician, Scaffold, etc)
- Workshop on work ethics = 2 CPD Points

#### **Fees**

Ensure that the annual membership is paid.

#### **Professional Designation Progression Pathway**

1. Certified Work at Height Technician
2. Certified Work at Height Practitioner
3. Certified Work at Height Professional
4. *Certified Work at Height Master Professional*

For more information on this Professional Designation, please visit the website at website address [www.ifwh.co.za](http://www.ifwh.co.za)