

**APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION(S) FOR PROFESSIONAL BODIES ALREADY RECOGNISED BY SAQA**

**Association of Southern Africa Travel Agents (ASATA)**

<b>Name of Professional Body</b>	Association of Southern Africa Travel Agents (ASATA)
<b>Statutory or Non-Statutory Body</b>	Non-Statutory
<b>Sector</b>	Travel
<b>Physical Address</b>	Hurlingham Office Park, Woodlands Avenue, Hurlingham, Johannesburg
<b>Application Approved by Board/Council</b>	Yes
<b>Application Signed by CEO / Registrar/ Board Chairperson</b>	Yes
<b>Registered Designations</b>	Travel Practitioner (TPrac)
<b>Designations Applied for</b>	Travel Professional (TProf )
<b>Date of Recognition</b>	28 July 2017
<b>Date of Gazette Notice</b>	

**BACKGROUND**

The Association of South African Travel Agents (ASATA) was formed in 1956 . Its founders created a representative forum in the industry to promote the interests of both members and their clients. ASATA is incorporated as a not-for-gain company under Section 21 of the Companies Act, Act 61 of 1973 (as amended). Membership of ASATA is entirely voluntary and extends to South African retail travel agents, travel management companies and travel wholesalers.

**CRITERIA FOR REGISTRATION OF A PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION**

The criteria for the awarding of the additional Professional Designations below comply with the SAQA *Policy & Criteria for Recognising a Professional Body and Registering a Professional Designation for the Purposes of the National Qualifications Framework Act, Act 67 of 2008* and the designations complement those already registered, creating a designation pathway.

**Designation Title:** Travel Professional (TProf )

<b>Underlying Qualification(s)</b>	<p>One of the following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupational Certificate Travel Professional, NQF Level 5</li> <li>or</li> <li>• Other qualifications with a travel component at NQF level 5</li> </ul>
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<b>Experiential Learning and Practical Experience</b>	Five years of appropriate travel industry related work experience as a travel consultant.
<b>Board / Admission Examination / Assessment</b>	A competency assessment is facilitated in the on-line ASATA Professional Programme against a set of skills required to perform the tasks of a travel professional.
<b>Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Requirements</b>	Designees must accumulate a minimum of 60 CPD points over a three (3) year period.
<b>Application of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)</b>	Candidates are required to submit a Portfolio of Evidence to assess prior knowledge and skills against the competence framework of a travel professional. The Designation committee assesses the evidence submitted.
<p><b>Designation competences:</b></p> <p>A Travel Professional (TProf) must be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have an extensive practical experience to finalise complex transactions.</li> <li>• Understand regulations, rules, procedures within the booking process.</li> <li>• Deal with complexities related to travel operations, technology and reservations.</li> <li>• Have the following five competency clusters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Operational Skills</li> <li>- Destination Skills</li> <li>- Service Skills</li> <li>- Business Skills</li> <li>- Computer Skills</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	