

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

Institute for Work at Height (IWH)

Name of Professional Body	Institute for Work at Height (IWH)
Statutory or Non-Statutory Body	Non-Statutory
Sector	Work at height
Physical Address	Helvetia House, 2nd Floor, 80 Greenvale Road Wilbart Germiston 1401
Application Approved by Board/Council	Yes
Application Signed by CEO / Registrar/ Board Chairperson	Yes
Registered Designations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEWP Practitioner • MEWP Safety and Transport Controller • Specialised Access Equipment Demonstrator • Rope Access Technician • Rope Access Practitioner • Rope Access Supervisor • Fall Protection Planner • Fall Arrest Rescue Coordinator • Temporary Suspended Platform Erection Supervisor • Certified Work at Height Practitioner • Certified Work at Height Professional
Designations Applied for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Work at Height Technician (IWHTech)
Date of Re-recognition	26-Oct-2017
Date of Gazette Notice	

BACKGROUND

The establishment of the Institute for Work at Height (IWH) took place in January 2009. The IWH is a Professional Body which represents the Working at Heights Industry. The Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act No. 85 of 1993), and Regulations to this Act regulate the IWH designations.

MOTIVATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE ADDITIONAL DESIGNATIONS

The IWH is in the process of reducing its eleven designations to three designations only. Two of the new designations have already been registered, ie Certified Work at Height Practitioner and Certified Work at Height Professional, however, the Certified Work at Height Technician, which is the first level of entry still needs to be registered.

It is the Professional Body's objective to start phasing out the 'old designations' as soon as the new qualifications and skills programmes have been finalised with the QCTO and registered with SAQA. The IWH will officially apply for the de-registration of these designations at a later stage.

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*.

Designation Title: Certified Work at Height Technician (IWHTech)

<p>Underlying Qualification(s)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Education and Training Certificate: Hygiene and Cleaning, Level 1 (SAQA ID: 57937) Or • National Certificate: Construction Plant Operations, Level 2 (SAQA ID: 65789). • National Certificate: Specialist Hygiene and Cleaning Services. Level 2 (SAQA ID: 36233). Or • National Certificate: Construction. Level 2, (SAQA ID: 49410). Or • National Certificate: Hygiene and Cleaning Supervision. Level 3, (SAQA ID: 20175). Or • National Certificate: Construction: Advanced Plant Operations. Level 3, (SAQA ID: 49081), Or • Equivalent qualifications in the construction, mining, cleaning & hiring and Occupational Health & Safety industry)
<p>Experiential Learning and Practical Experience</p>	<p>The Certified Work at Height Technician can be registered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With any of the above underlying qualifications (or equivalent qualification), or relevant competence and experience in any of the industries where 'work at height' is needed as an additional skill to complete his/her tasks, whilst at height, safely (depending on the method of accessing height). • Upon successfully completion the following minimum part/s of the above underlying qualifications as per their areas of specialisation: <p>Scaffold Fixer and Falsework Shutterhand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAQA US ID 229998 Explain and perform fall arrest techniques when working at height. - SAQA US ID 263247 Assist to erect, use and dismantle access scaffolding. <p>Rope Access (Level 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAQA US ID 229998 Explain and perform fall arrest techniques when working at height. - SAQA US ID 230000 Perform a limited range of rope access tasks and rescues. <p>MEWP Operator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAQA US ID 243272: Operate a Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP) (competence in operating at least one type of MEWP (i.e Scissor, Boom, Vertical, etc). <p>Fall Arrest Rescue:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAQA US ID 229998: Explain and perform fall arrest techniques when working at height. - SAQA US ID 229995: Install, use and perform basic rescues from fall arrest systems and implement the fall protection plan. <p>Fall Protection Planner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAQA US ID 229998 Explain and perform fall arrest techniques when working at height. - SAQA US ID 229994 Assess a worksite for work at height and prepare a fall protection plan (with knowledge/competence in <u>at least one</u> of the 'Work at height' specialisation, i.e. Fall Protection, MEWPs, Scaffold, falsework, TSPs, etc). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work experience of at <u>least 2 years</u> in the construction/mining/occupational health & safety//fire & rescue services/industrial cleaning or hiring environment.
Board/ Admission Examination/Assessment	<p>The Certified Work at Height Technician must also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete an IWH PB registered Work at Height Professional Board Assessment, for his/her area of specialisation. • Submit a valid medical certificate of fitness (where applicable).
Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Requirements	<p>For re-registration after 3 years, the candidate will have to accumulate 5 CPD points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IWH PB registered re-assessment (on the high-risk work at height skills = 3 CPD points. • Attended any of the IWH PB registered CPD programmes/activities/presentations = 2 CPD Points. • The IWH maintains a database of registered professionals who submit results and evidence based on the criteria. • The PB keeps record in terms of a running total of CPD points.
Application of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A candidate may be considered for the IWH PB registered board assessment/RPL against this designation after the evaluation of a comprehensive CV and/ Dossier of Competence to satisfy the IWH PB of the following: • Proof of 3 years relevant workplace experience in any of the relevant areas of specialisation, i.e. Scaffold, Falsework, Rope Access, Fall Protection, MEWP environment. • An understanding of, and practical experience of 'working at height'. • Valid Medical certificate of fitness (where applicable).
<p>Designation competencies:</p> <p>The Certified Work at Height Technician is for those professionals showing the necessary competence and experience to perform his/her dedicated occupational tasks whilst working at height, successfully by means of his/her area of specialisation. As a Certified Work at Height Technician he/she can be appointed to operate professionally in his/her area of specialisation and take accountability for the high-risk skills needed to perform his/her duties.</p> <p>The Certified Work at Height Technician will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the basic principles of working at height. • Inspect the fall protection equipment to be used. • Conduct a basic risk assessment before working at height. • Perform a specific job at hand safely while working at height. 	

CRITERIA FOR RETAINING THE ADDITIONAL DESIGNATION

In order to maintain their designation, the IWHTech must:

- Adhere to the IWH Professional Body Code of Conduct;
- Obtain the relevant CPD requirements; and
- Ensure their membership fees are up to date.

The IWH Code of Conduct:

All IWH members and their employees agree to be bound by this code of conduct when applying for or renewing their IWH membership. This code governs the behaviour of IWH members when dealing with clients or employers. The code is available at <https://ifwh.co.za>.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

All IWH members are required to be conversant with technical matters related to the profession and current legislation affecting them, their clients or employers. Accruing CPD points is a method of demonstrating continuing technical and professional competence. In addition, the professional body has a Practitioners and CPD Registration Procedure in place. The procedures and guidelines document is intended to ensure consistency, fairness and business efficiency with respect to the implementation of the practitioner registration and CPD processes and procedures. It must be followed with due care and accuracy and all appropriate data must be recorded and saved for audit purposes.

Any IWH PB recognised training providers may apply to have CPD activities and programmes approved with the IWH PB. The IWH PB Skills & Ratification Committee could also approve CPD activities from other relevant bodies such as other SAQA registered Professional Bodies, international bodies, etc. All Work at Height designees must complete the CPD Activity Log Sheet to be provided to the IWH PB to be able to be re-registered against a designation. Each designation has compulsory and elective CPD points to choose from, which are pre-approved by the IWH PB.

Categories of CPD Points:

- Work@Height Related Training and Assessment
- IWF PB Registered LNQ Programmes
- Work@Height Related CPD Workshops/Seminars/ Conferences/Meetings
- Other Work@Height Related Activities
- Work@Height Related Practice

The IWH BP conducts random audits as it deems necessary and practicable, of the CPD records of all registered practitioners. In the event of a registered practitioner/designee not complying with the requirements of the CPD system, the IWH PB may impose any one or more of the following conditions:

- Require the registered person to follow an approved remedial programme of continuing professional development within a period prescribed by the IWH PB.
- Removing the registered person's name from the relevant register.

Fees

Members are required to pay the annual membership fee.

Professional Designation Progression Pathway

A Certified Work at Height Technician can progress to:

- Certified Work at Height Practitioner; and
- Certified Work at Height Professional.

For more information on this Professional Designation, please visit the website at www.profbody.co.za