



INSTITUTE **FOR WORK** AT HEIGHT

COMPANY
PROFILE



IWH is a recognised Professional Body with SAQA - REG#834

ABOUT US

The Institute for Work at Height Trade Association was formed in January 2009 being a merger of SAEMA and RAFAA to create safety awareness and being the 'voice' for the Work at Height Industry.

In November 2012, the members registered the Institute for Work at Height Professional Body with SAQA to professionalise the industry and ensure that all people working at height are properly trained and on a path of lifelong learning and development.

Working at heights is **not just** putting on a harness, the law of gravity applies to everyone and everything on any level.... Working at height includes **going over, failing off or onto**.

CHAMBERS

-  ROPE ACCESS
-  FALL ARREST AND FALL PREVENTION
-  SCAFFOLDING
-  SUSPENDED ACCESS EQUIPMENT

The IWH represent the following industry sectors (chambers):

-  TOWERS AND LADDERS
-  WIND TURBINE
-  MEWPs
-  FALSEWORK

VALUE PROPOSITION FOR MEMBERS

Group Participation (United Voice)

Bring business and labour together

Economic and Broad Consultation

Public Credibility

Proactive participant in new or changed legislation

Access to Subject Matter Experts and Resources

Set standards for Skills Development

General awareness or learning as per BEST practice

VISION AND OBJECTIVES

- ☒ The Institute for Work at Height is the recognized entity in Southern Africa, Africa and the world for working safely and effectively at height.
- ☒ Our members derive value from the collective knowledge base, aligned industry representation, trusted quality standards and professional affiliation.
- ☒ We save lives by ensuring correct training standards and best practice methods are disseminated to all members through the most effective channels of communication.
- ☒ Affiliation with our Professional Body enhances the practitioners' safety, efficiency and consequent value in the labour market.
- ☒ Our service orientation is above reproach and sets the standard for all our stakeholders.

MISSION

- ☒ We endeavour to be representative of the Work at Height population of South Africa, Africa and the world respectively.
- ☒ We aid the applicable legislative entities in improving safety at height by disseminating relevant information to the population.
- ☒ We will build our professional body to be the recognized professional affiliation in industry and the quality partner for government as legislated.
- ☒ The entity is viable and operates within internationally benchmarked best practices.
- ☒ The IWH subscribes to good governance based on strong espoused values being serving, transparency, honesty, integrity, inclusiveness, empowering and equality.

REGISTRATION OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

The IWH Professional Body register individual members against its SAQA registered designations as well as IWH PB Licenses. Herewith below a list of these designations/licenses.

DESCRIPTION	AREA OF SPECIALISATION					RECOGNITION
IWH License	Basic Fall Arrest Operator (Lev 1)	Scaffold Hand	Ladder User (up to 14 m)	TSP User/ Operator	Rope Rigger	
	Fall Prevention	Climbing Equipment Inspector	Rope Ladder User	Product Specific Training: (Specify): _____		
Designation: Work at Height Technician	Fall Arrest Technician	Scaffold Fixer	Scaffold Tower Erector (6m Max)	Rope Access Technician	Class A Anchor System Installer	
	Fall Protection Planner	Prefabricated Tower Erector	Falsework Shutterhand	MEWP Operator (Specify machine type): _____		
Designation: Work at Height Practitioner	Advanced Fall Arrest Rescuer	Scaffold Erector	Rope Access Practitioner	Class A Anchor Planner	Facilitator	
	Advanced Fall Protection Planner	Falsework Erector	TSP Erector	Scaffold Tower Inspector (6m Max)	Assessor	
	Advanced Prefabricated Tower Erector	MEWP Practitioner (min 4 types of machines- Specify): _____			Moderator	
Designation: Work at Height Professional	Fall Arrest Supervisor	Scaffold Inspector	Rope Access Supervisor	Class A1 Falsework Inspector	Board Assessor	
	Prof Fall Protection Planner	Scaffold Supervisor	Rope Access Manager	Falsework Foreman	Work at Height Instructor	
	Fall Arrest Coordinator	TSP Supervisor	MEWP Professional All types	MEWP Demonstrator		

BENEFITS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

The individual member benefit from registering with the IWH Professional Body as being declared fully competent to practice in a specific field of the work at height industry and being placed on a path of life-long professional development. The registered member has to abide by the following Code of Ethical Conduct - **The IWH members are required:**

- ✓ To ensure that their professional actions add value and quality through the provision of management of safe and appropriate working environments.
- ✓ To ensure that professional conduct is a benefit to employees and the broader public and are in line with regulatory requirements.
- ✓ To contribute to civic affairs and economic development of communities through the application of professional skills.
- ✓ To ensure that in undertaking or commissioning work, that matters of special interest to the community are handled in a full and comprehensive way to enable evaluation of solutions that are consistent with evolving community values.
- ✓ To give significant consideration to the need to achieve sustainable development.
- ✓ To ensure that information provided to the public is not misleading, is relevant and in a form that is clearly understood.
- ✓ Not to undertake or be involved in fraudulent, dishonest or criminal activities.
- ✓ To create within the community an awareness and appreciation of the value of safe work at height to society.

IWH PB RECOGNISED TRAINING PROVIDERS

The IWH PB recognize already accredited Training Providers to assist with the IWH PB Board- and Re-assessments and CPD (Continuing Professional Development).

BENEFITS

- ✓ **Quick certification** - not having to wait for the SoR from the SETA which takes an inordinate amount of time – The member can start working soon after being trained with a legitimate certificate issued by the IWH.
- ✓ **IWH certificates have expiry dates** which mean that the person's membership must be re-evaluated on a three year (2 years in some cases) cycle. The SETA system does not have that and it is illegal for a provider to place expiry dates against persons qualifications.
- ✓ **CPD** is initiated ensuring up-to-date knowledge and skills are maintained by the member – this does not happen via a SETA issued "certificate"
- ✓ **RPL** against a designation adjudicates the persons physical ability to do the job at hand. The SETA RPL process is against a qualification and takes a huge amount of time including new portfolio of evidence and several other time consuming steps. The SETA system does not RPL the person against a designation. That is the exclusive domain of a Professional Body
- ✓ Confirmation of **PL insurance** for training the person (not your business insurance), formalised **fall protection plan** for the training of the person and **medical certificate of fitness** of the trainee prior to being trained are all requirements of the Professional Body thus adding safeguards to the trainee (our prospective member) whilst under your care.
- ✓ Ensuring **safe and acceptable equipment**, complying to international and local standards are used during the training of the persons. We have signed lists from each provider confirming the standards be it EN, BS or SANS to which their equipment complies – The SETA does not follow that path.

HOW TO **VALIDATE** A PRACTITIONER?

We see a lot of fraudulent and forged certificates daily. Providers also misuse logo's. Others never upload learners to the SETA's - this means these candidates are NOT COMPETENT! How do you know the candidate is in fact registered and COMPETENT? With our certificates and cards you can be sure the candidates are COMPETENT and registered on SAQA's National Learner Record Database (NLRD).

VALIDATE OUR CARDS AND CERTIFICATES AS FOLLOWS:

PHONE OR EMAIL US



CONFIRM ON OUR WEBSITE



Click on
> Validate a Practitioner
> Fill in ID Number
and it will tell you if the
person is registered.

SCAN QR CODE



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