

# Individual Membership Categories and Benefits

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## Individual Membership Categories

Individual members include the following membership categories. A person is placed in a specific membership category based on his/her qualifications and work experience.

- Professional Process Controller – **Professional Designation**
- Honorary Member – A person is placed in this category on recommendation of the WISA Board
- Senior Fellow Member – Awarded by the WISA Board on recommendation of Senior Fellows committee
- Fellow Member – 10 consecutive years as an active Member of WISA in good standing
- Retired Member - A member makes a personal request to become a Retired Member based on his/her age.
- Member
- Academic Member
- Associate Member
- Affiliate Member
- Student Member - Only fulltime registered students may register as Student Members.

## Why become a member of WISA?

- The Water Institute of Southern Africa, better known as WISA, was initially established in 1937, making it the oldest and only water-related association in South Africa that looks after the collective interests of the water sector, the professionals therein and the public.
- WISA is accredited with SAQA as a professional body and is the custodian of the professional designation Professional Process Controller (Pr. PC Water), which authorises it to accredit, award and administer the designation to the water sector.
- Represented nationally by 8 branches and more than 3,500 members, it has the largest footprint of any water-related organisation in Southern Africa.
- WISA has taken leadership in many areas within the water sector, including promoting professionalisation in the water sector.
- The association's Head office is situated in Midrand, where our experienced, qualified, and friendly staff are always willing to assist our members.

## What does WISA do for its members?

- Promote the effective and efficient management of water resources and water services globally;
- Promotes the common interests of all persons engaged in the water sector and industry in order to improve the quality of water resources and water services management globally; and
- Support and integrate the water sector, strengthening its “fabric” and dealing with all issues relating to the water sector and the environment including relevant regulations;
- Arrange training and events to encourage better communication, career growth, skills development, exchange of information and networking within the sector;
- Facilitate social, educational, economic and managerial development;

- Liaise with government (Central, Provincial and Local), regional water authorities, industry, NGOs and any other appropriate bodies on all matters relating to the water sector;
- Promote participation and active involvement in research for the benefit of the water sector and water users;
- Establish a national database of all professionals, managers, administrators, and functionaries active in the water sector in order to improve networking and to facilitate the sharing of information;
- Establish and manage a fund to support research, individual development and capacity building;
- Establish programmes and forums to help develop new skills and training to improve the sector

## Benefits

Individual Members in good standing will enjoy the following benefits:

### Your status in the water sector

1. You receive a WISA membership certificate at registration.
2. You enjoy the prestige of belonging to a professional body.
3. Your name appears in the WISA member directory if you so wish. Excluding Affiliate and Student Members.
4. You have voting rights at the WISA AGM. Excluding Associate Members, Affiliate Members and Student Members.

### Advertising and promoting yourself or your business

5. You receive discounted advertising rates.
6. You can place your CV on the WISA website for free.

### Building a relationship and getting involved

7. You enjoy the full benefits of the WISA Loyalty Programme. Excluding Student Members. Please check [www.wisa.org.za](http://www.wisa.org.za) for more information.
8. You can get involved as a volunteer through the Participation Structures, offer advisory, coaching or mentorship services to members or get involved in the writing of articles or handbooks for the water sector.
9. You have the opportunity to network with like-minded individuals through WISA events.

### WISA Technical support, education, and information services

10. You have access to Continuous Professional Development (CPD) accredited training and events.
11. You have access to the technical support and information offered by WISA on its website and social media platforms.
12. You receive free copies of the 'Water and Sanitation Africa' magazine published by WISA and 'The Water Wheel' magazine, courtesy of the Water Research Commission. Excluding Student Members.
13. You receive the fortnightly electronic WISA Newsletter.
14. You can access information on bursary programmes on WISA platforms.

### WISA events

15. You will be regularly notified on upcoming WISA events and formal training courses, through WISA's various communication platforms.
16. You receive a preferential discounted rate to attend the Biennial WISA conference, with exposure to multi-disciplinary papers, dialogue with national and international delegates, view the latest technical

developments and products, as well as providing the necessary platforms for members to present their own research.

17. You receive discounted rates on all WISA events and training courses.

#### **WISA Products**

18. You have access to the WISA members directory.

19. You have access to the WISA library which contains abstracts and/ or papers from past events.

20. You have access to recordings of webinars, where available.

21. You have access to sector related tenders on the WISA website.

22. You can purchase available WISA publications at a discounted rate. These publications include WISA published handbooks and guidelines.

23. You can purchase available WISA apparel including clothing and stationery at a discounted rate.

Please note that these benefits are applicable to members in good standing. Member benefits will be suspended if a member's account is in arrears.

Members can provide feedback and suggestions relating to WISA events, products and services through WISA customer satisfaction surveys or by sending your feedback to [membership@wisa.org.za](mailto:membership@wisa.org.za).