

Company Member Benefits

Company Members include private businesses, state-owned entities, government departments, local authorities, and water boards.



**Water Institute of
Southern Africa**

COMPANY MEMBER

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 recognised by 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.
- The Professional Process Controller designation has recently been accepted as a requirement for Class V and VI Process Controllers in DWS Regulation 3630.
- WISA is represented nationally by various branches, technical divisions and empowerment platforms, and more than 3,500 members, hence 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.

Company members in good standing will enjoy the following benefits:

Your status in the water sector

1. Your organisation receives a WISA membership certificate at registration to proudly display at your offices, access to an e-certificate download, and membership verification link, at registration.
2. Your organisation enjoys the prestige of belonging to a professional body.
3. Your organisation appears in the WISA member directory.
4. Your organisation has one vote at the WISA AGM.
5. Your organisation is entitled to use the provided membership logo on its company letterhead and advertising. Please note that the usage of the WISA logo specifically excludes any product labelling, or any form of product, or services, endorsement or approval.

Advertising and promoting your organization

6. Your organisation receives one free advertisement in the WISA newsletter per year.
7. Your organisation receives preferential rates for advertising on WISA platforms, see the website for the latest rate card.
8. Your organisation has the honour of receiving discounted event sponsorship and product opportunities, this gives your organisation numerous marketing and branding opportunities. WISA events include international, national, or regional conferences, technical tours, exhibitions, etc. WISA products include technical handbooks, corporate gifts, stationary, apparel, etc.
9. Your organisation receives five (5) free vacancy listings per year on the WISA website which is viewed by a high number of relevant stakeholders. Further vacancies can be listed at the related advertising rate.
10. Your organisation can advertise and promote its bursary programme, free of charge on any WISA channel.
11. Your organisation will receive assistance and support from WISA to promote your water-related events.

Building a relationship and getting involved

12. Your organisation and its staff can volunteer to serve on WISA's Participation Structures or offer advisory, coaching or mentorship services to the water sector.

WISA Technical support, education and information services

13. Your organisation's staff have access to Continuous Professional Development (CPD) accredited training and events at discounted rates.
14. Your organisation has access to the technical support and information offered by WISA on its website and social media platforms.
15. Your organisation's primary contact person, plus one additional employee, receive free copies of the 'Water and Sanitation Africa' magazine published by WISA and 'The Water Wheel' magazine, courtesy of the Water Research Commission.

16. Your organisation's listed contacts will receive the fortnightly electronic WISA Newsletter.

WISA events

17. Your organisation's listed contacts will be regularly notified on upcoming WISA events and formal training courses, through WISA's various communication platforms.
18. Your organisation receives two discounted delegate tickets to attend the Biennial WISA conference.
19. Your organisation will receive preferential discounted delegate rates on attendance at any other WISA training or events.

WISA Products

20. Your organisation's listed contacts have access to the WISA members online directory.
21. Your organisation's listed contacts have access to the WISA library which contains abstracts and/or papers from past events.
22. Your organisation's listed contacts have access to recordings of webinars, where available.
23. Your organisation's listed contacts have access to sector related tenders on the WISA website.
24. Your organisation may list their own water-sector related tenders on WISA's website at no cost.
25. Your organisation can purchase available WISA publications at a discounted rate. These publications include WISA published handbooks and guidelines.

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.

Kindly note that it is the responsibility of the member to fully utilise the provided benefits to ensure the best return on your membership investment.

Your organisation 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.

Please note that the above benefits and services are subject to change without prior notice.