

Educational Institution Benefits



Water Institute of
Southern Africa

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION
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.

Educational Institution Members in good standing will enjoy the following benefits:

Your status in the water sector

1. Your institution 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 institution enjoys the prestige of belonging to a professional body.
3. Your institution appears in the WISA member online directory.
4. Your institution has one vote at the WISA AGM.
5. Your institution 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 institution receives one free advertisement (to the value of R1,000.00) in the WISA newsletter per year.
7. Your institution receives preferential rates for advertising on WISA platforms, see the website for the latest rate card.
8. Your institution has the honour of receiving discounted event sponsorship and product opportunities, this gives your institution 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 institution receives ten (10) free vacancy listings per year on the WISA website (valued at over R7,500.00) which is viewed by a high number of relevant stakeholders. Further vacancies can be listed at the related advertising rate.
10. Your institution can advertise and promote its bursary programme, free of charge on any WISA channel (to the value of R2,000.00 per advert).
11. Your institution will receive assistance and support from WISA to promote your water-related events.

Building a relationship and getting involved

12. Your institution 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 institution's staff have access to Continuous Professional Development (CPD) accredited training and events at discounted rates.
14. Your institution has access to the technical support and information offered by WISA on its website and social media platforms.
15. Your institution's primary contact person, plus two additional employees, 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 institution's listed contacts will receive the fortnightly electronic WISA Newsletter.

WISA events

17. Your institution's listed contacts will be regularly notified on upcoming WISA events and formal training courses, through WISA's various communication platforms.
18. Your institution receives one free delegate ticket (to the value of R9,500.00) to attend the Biennial Conference, but only if the person nominated has been accepted to do an oral or poster presentation at the Biennial Conference.
19. Your institution receives five discounted delegate tickets (an average saving of R6,000.00) to attend the Biennial WISA conference.
20. Your institution will receive preferential discounted delegate rates on attendance at any other WISA training or events.

WISA Products

21. Your institution's listed contacts have access to the WISA members online directory.
22. Your institution's listed contacts have access to the WISA library which contains abstracts and/ or papers from past events.
23. Your institution's listed contacts have access to recordings of webinars, where available.
24. Your institution's listed contacts have access to sector related tenders on the WISA website.
25. Your institution may list their own water-sector related tenders on WISA's website at no cost.
26. Your institution 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 institution 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.