

Individual Membership Categories and Benefits

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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 – Awarded by the WISA Board
- Senior Fellow Member (10% fee discount) – Awarded by the WISA Board on recommendation of Senior Fellows.
- Fellow Member (5% fee discount) – automatically awarded after 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 full-time 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.
- 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

Benefits

Individual Members in good standing will enjoy the following benefits:

Your status in the water sector

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

Advertising and promoting yourself, or your business

5. You receive up to 40% discount on advertising rates. See the website for the latest rate card.

Building a relationship and getting involved

6. 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.
7. You have the opportunity to network with like-minded individuals through WISA events.
8. WISA Volunteers receive additional membership discounts through the volunteer rewards programme.

WISA Continuous Development, Technical support, education, and information services

9. You have access to Continuous Professional Development (CPD) accredited training and events.
10. You have access to the technical support and information offered by WISA on its website and social media platforms.
11. 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.
12. You receive the fortnightly electronic WISA Newsletter.
13. You can access information on bursary programmes on WISA platforms.

14. ECSA and SACNASP registered members can claim one CPD point from their registered body for being a WISA member.
15. ECSA registered members can receive a discount on their ECSA member fees by being a WISA member.

WISA events

16. You will be regularly notified on upcoming WISA events and formal training courses, through WISA's various communication platforms.
17. 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.
18. You receive up to 30% discounted rates on all WISA events and training courses.

WISA Products

19. You have access to the online WISA members directory.
20. You have access to the online WISA library which contains abstracts and/ or papers from past events.
21. You have access to recordings of webinars, where available, through the online WISA library.
22. You have access to sector related tenders on the WISA website.
23. You 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.

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.

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