

# Municipality Member Benefits

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Water Institute of  
Southern Africa

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MUNICIPALITY 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, which needs to be adhered to by Municipalities.
- 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.

## Municipality Members in good standing, will enjoy the following benefits:

### Your status in the water sector

1. Your municipality 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 municipality enjoys the prestige of belonging to a professional body, and proudly complying with WISA's vision and mission.
3. Your municipality proudly appears in the WISA member online directory.
4. Your municipality has one vote at the WISA AGM.
5. Your municipality 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 service, endorsement or approval.

### Advertising and promoting your organization

6. Your municipality receives one free advertisement in the WISA newsletter per year.
7. Your municipality receives preferential rates for advertising on WISA platforms, see the website for the latest rate card.
8. Your municipality has the honour of receiving discounted event sponsorship and product opportunities, this gives your municipality 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 municipality receives ten (10) free water-sector related 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 municipality can advertise and promote its bursary programme, free of charge on any WISA channel.
11. Your municipality will receive assistance and support from WISA to promote your water-related events.

### Building a relationship and getting involved

12. Your municipality 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 municipality's staff have access to Continuous Professional Development (CPD) accredited training and events at discounted rates. These discounts are substantial and can be amended to your individual needs based on sufficient numbers.
14. Your municipality has access to the technical support and information offered by WISA on its website and social media platforms.

15. Your municipality'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. In addition, Municipality membership includes Professional Process Controller registration and membership for two Professional Process Controllers.
17. Additional Professional Process Controllers may be registered at a reduced rate.
18. Your municipality's listed contacts will receive the fortnightly electronic WISA Newsletter.

#### **WISA events**

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

#### **WISA Products**

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

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