

TOWARDS PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

**South African Council for the Landscape Architectural
Profession**

Student Presentation



Outline

Landscape Architectural Professionals in the Built Environment

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Fit in the Built Environment

Department of Public Works (DPW)

Council for the Built Environment (CBE)

5 others
(SACAP, ECSA, etc.)

SACLAP

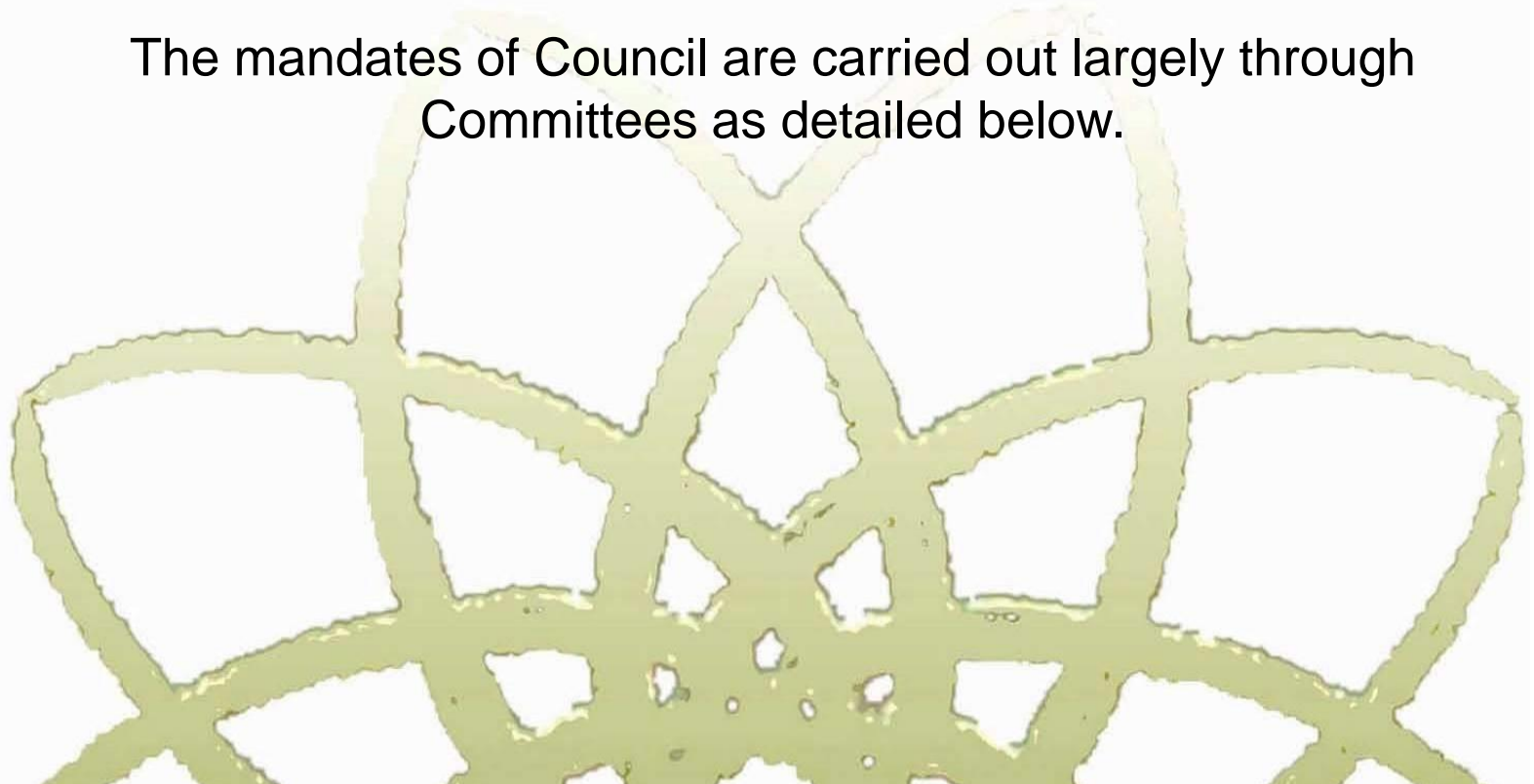
Voluntary Associations



Mandate of Council

SACLAP operates within the realms of the mandates set out in the **Landscape Architectural Profession Act, Act 45 of 2000.**

The mandates of Council are carried out largely through Committees as detailed below.



Committees

Registration:

Advise Council on **mechanisms, procedures, guidelines, examinations** and assessments to be put in place to give effect to the **registration and re-grading of persons** in the landscape architectural profession.

Define the **qualification and experience** required for the different **Categories of Registration** and the assessments required for each category, as well as the assessments and procedures required for upgrading or re-grading.

To define the **assessment procedures**, standards and structures for assessment of experience, practical training and prior learning etc, required in the assessment and registration process.

To facilitate and co-ordinate the registration of new persons that meet the criteria.

Committees

Education:

Advise Council on **mechanisms, procedures, guidelines**, and assessments to be put in place to give effect accreditation of institutions.

To ensure that **institutions** offering education in landscape architecture related courses are **accredited**.



Committees

Professional Practice:

To ensure that registered persons adhere to the Code of Conduct.

To make the functions and role of the Council known to the general public.

Within this committee the Investigation Committee is housed which deals with disciplinary action and appeals.

Advise Council on mechanisms, procedures, guidelines and assessments to be put in place to give effect to the continued professional development of the landscape architectural profession.

Develop the Identification of Work which relates to the reservation of work for the various professional designations.

Committees

Professional Practice continued:

To ensure that the SACLAP has policies in place regarding **Fees** and to **amend and update** the professionals fees annually as required by the Act.

To give **advice** to members of the public and the professions in connection with the application of the tariff of fees when requested.



Committees

Finance:

To ensure that SACLAP uses its available **funds** in a responsible manner.

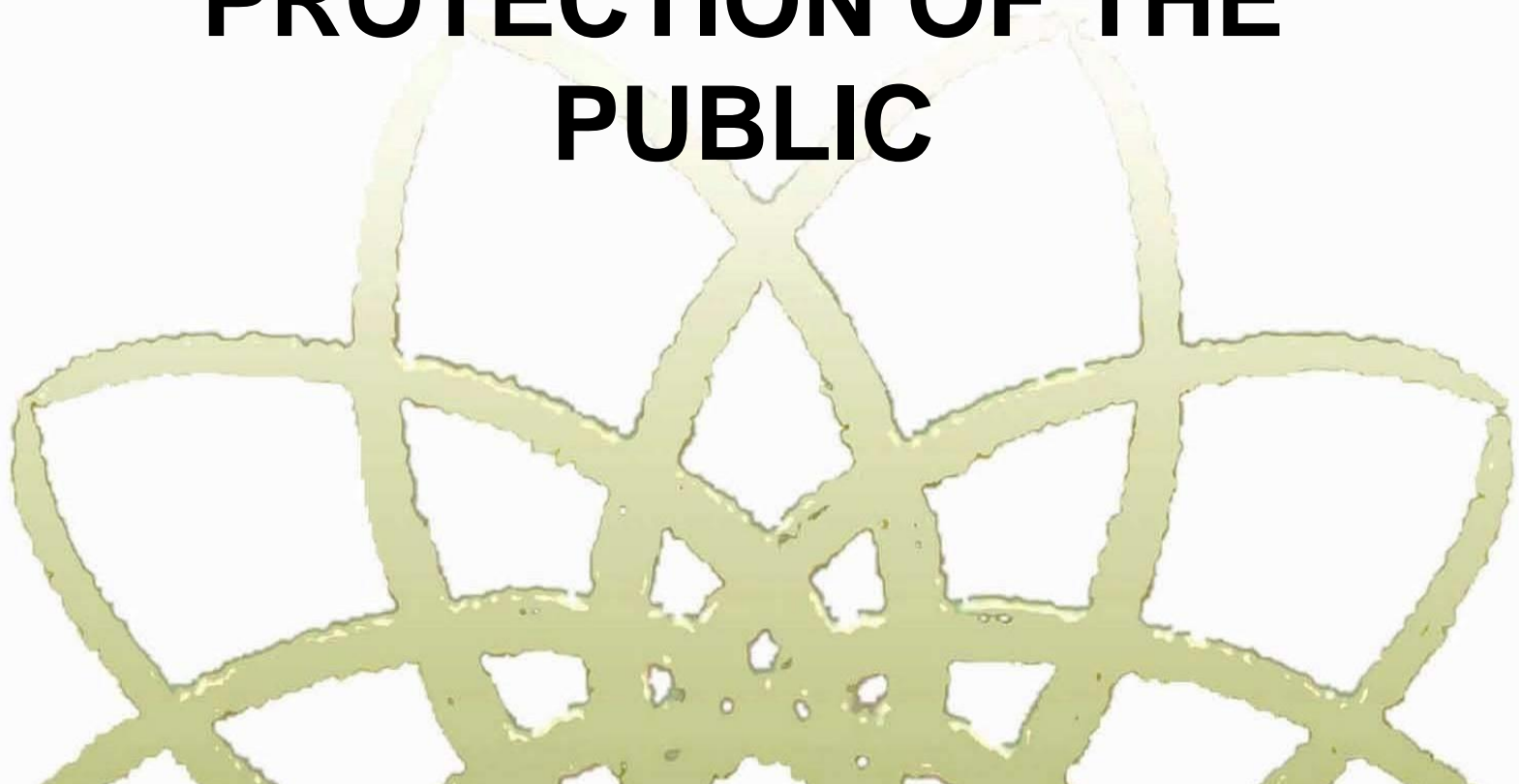
To ensure that **Audited Reports** are provided annually.

Provide input into the Business Plan with regard to **budgets**.



Why Register Professionally

**PROTECTION OF THE
PUBLIC**



Why Register Professionally

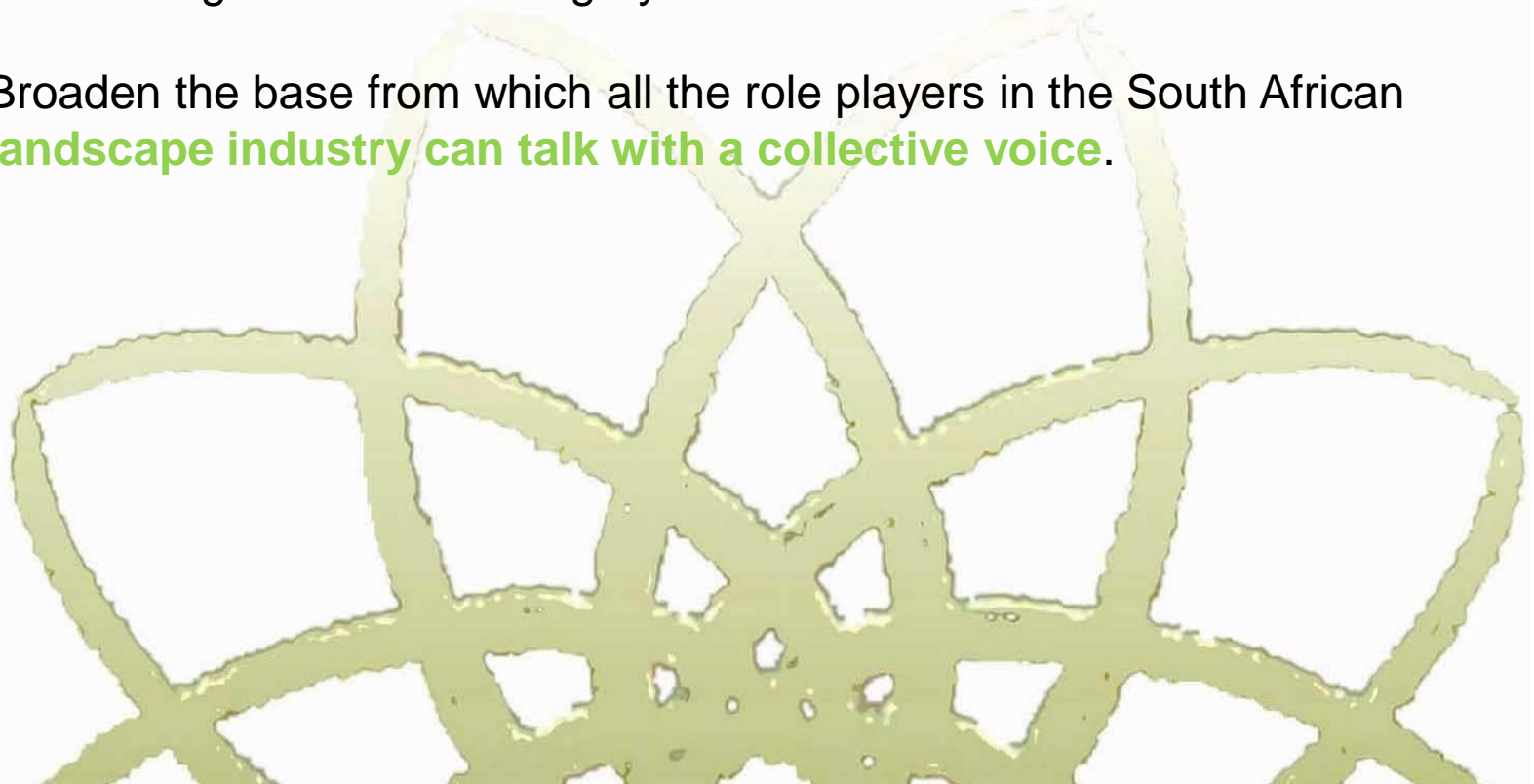
There are numerous advantages for professions in the broader landscape industry to be regulated. Some of these include:

- **Education and training** in the respective fields can be **better controlled** to ensure everyone adheres to the **same standard**.
- Education and Training **programmes** at tertiary education institutions can be **accredited** by SACLAP to ensure uniformity and consistency in education quality.
- **Work reservation** and consistency in tendering procedures, through appropriate legislation, at least for public sector landscape projects.
- **Professional standing and recognition** for persons registered in their various registration categories and levels of registration therein.



Why Register Professionally cont.

- Client bodies could, to **ensure professional standards and liability** and service delivery, require from the principals or certain employees of the tendering company to be professionally registered.
- This will be in addition to the current public sector requirements such as a CIDB rating in a certain category and at a certain level.
- Broaden the base from which all the role players in the South African **landscape industry can talk with a collective voice.**



Why Register Professionally cont.

- On a more personal note:
 - **life style benefits** e.g. better premiums on insurance
 - Influences **salary levels** in certain organizations
 - Influences **promotions** within certain organizations



Categories of registration

Landscape Architectural Profession

Professional Landscape Architect

Professional Senior Landscape Architectural Technologist

Professional Landscape **Architectural** Technologist

Professional Landscape **Architectural** Technician

Professional Landscape **Architectural** Assistant

Candidate Landscape Architect

Candidate Senior Landscape **Architectural** Technologist

Candidate Landscape **Architectural** Technologist

Candidate Landscape **Architectural** Technician

Candidate Landscape **Architectural** Assistant



Registration Process

Routes to Registration:

Various ways to register and it is dependant on the category of registration that is being applied for.

- i. **Candidacy** period
- ii. Recognition of Prior Learning

Ultimate registration category is informed by the qualification of the individual, the skills he/she has and the experience and exposure had within the industry.

Registration Process

Candidacy:

- Applicable to newly graduated individuals
- Candidacy requirements
 - Mentor
 - Log book
 - Portfolio of evidence
 - Etc.
- Minimum of two year period
- Then evaluated by a panel appointed by the Registration Committee
- If successful professionally registered

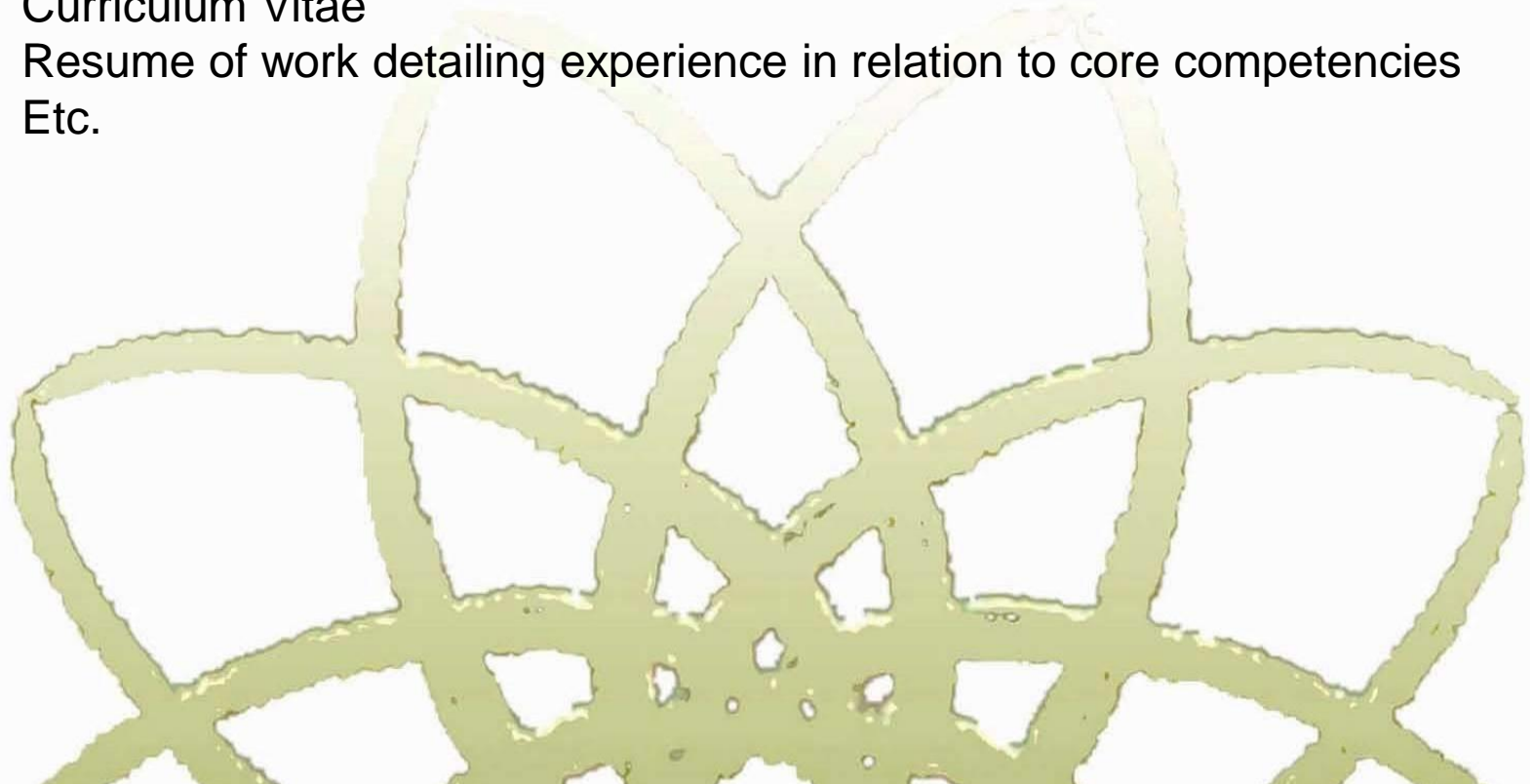


Registration Process

Application:

Submit the necessary documentation which may include but not limited to:

- Application Form
- Certified copy of ID
- Certified copy of qualifications
- Curriculum Vitae
- Resume of work detailing experience in relation to core competencies
- Etc.



Registration Process

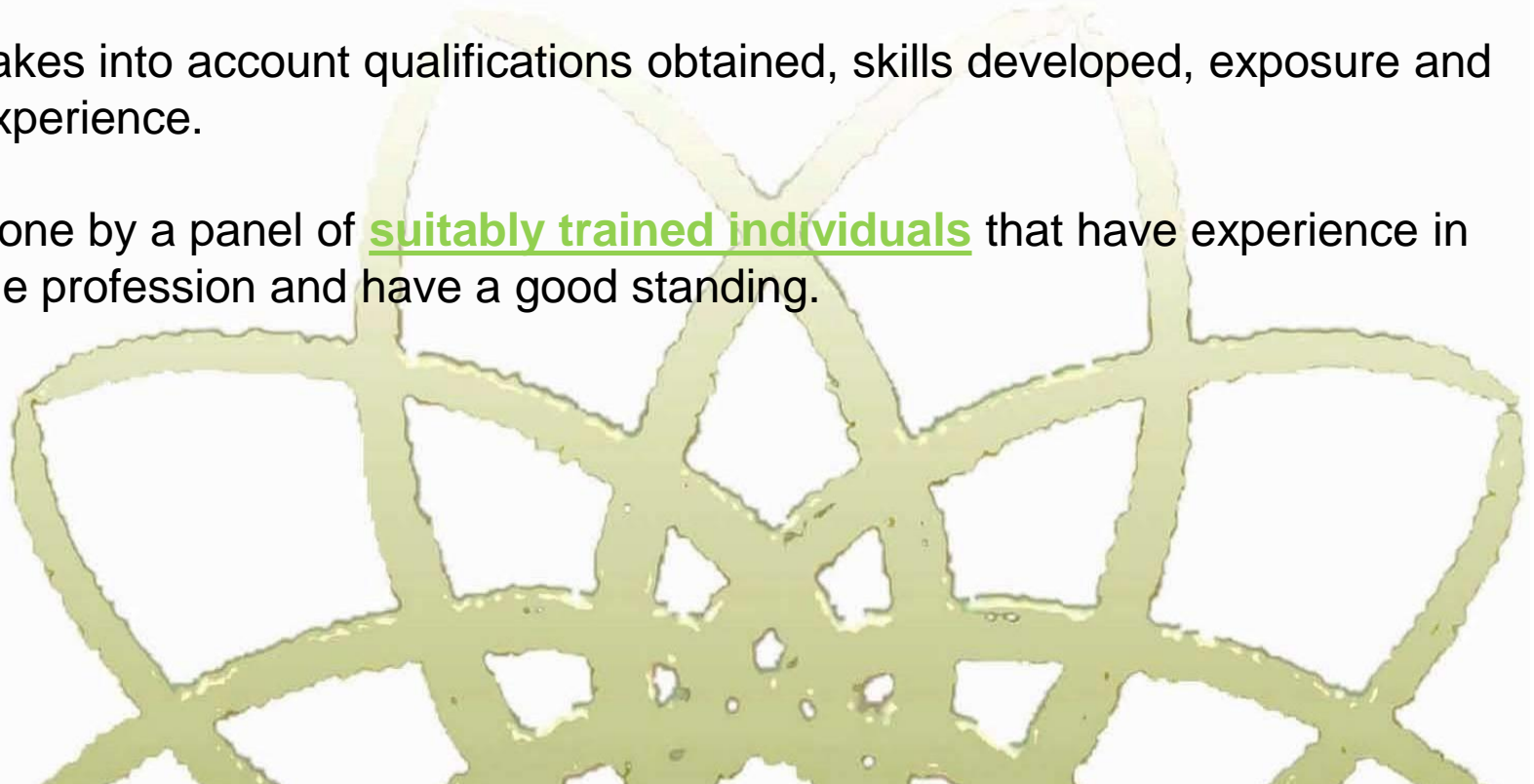
Evaluation:

Done in line with a process that is determined by the Registration Committee.

Evaluation against the core competencies.

Takes into account qualifications obtained, skills developed, exposure and experience.

Done by a panel of suitably trained individuals that have experience in the profession and have a good standing.



Registration Process

Core competencies:

Specific to each category of registration

5 Overall Sections:

- i. Professional Practise
- ii. Landscape Design and implementation
- iii. Environmental Planning Processes
- iv. Project and Contract Management
- v. Horticultural Skills



Professional Registration

The professional will receive a **registration number and a certificate** on payment of the professional registration fee. An invoice will follow shortly.

The professional's name will be placed on the **official register** that is published on the website ([www.saclap.org.za /registered persons](http://www.saclap.org.za/registered%20persons)).

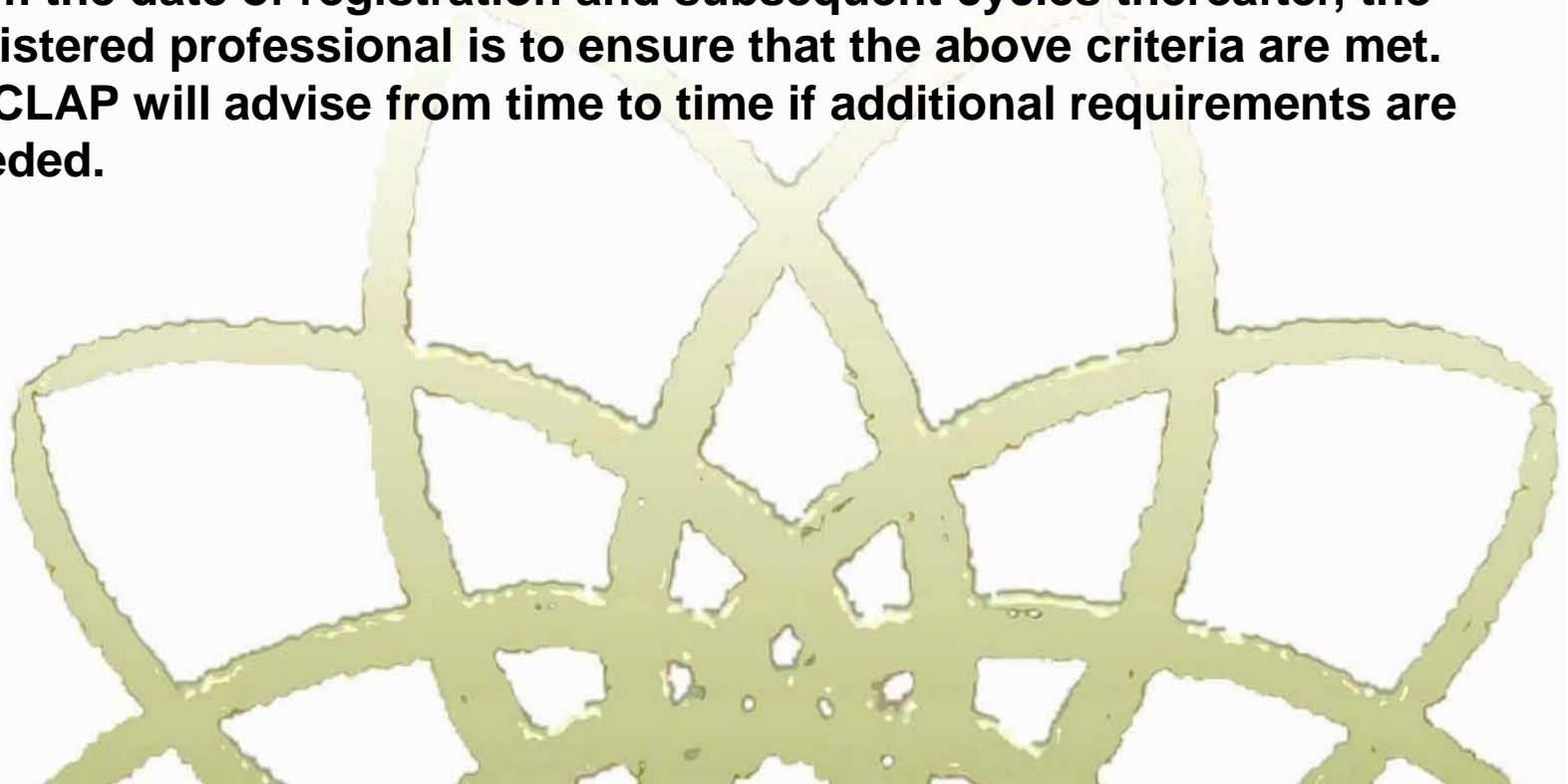
An **annual professional registration fee** will be due within sixty (60) days from the date of invoice. If this is not paid timeously on receipt of an invoice you may be suspended and ultimately de-registered.

The landscape architectural professional's **name may be removed** from the register in terms of the Act due to **non payment of fees, non-compliance with Continued Professional Development** or as an **outcome** of a **Disciplinary process**.

Professional Registration cont.

Furthermore, as of the date of registration the **registered professional** is responsible for ensuring adherence to the **Continued Professional Development (CPD)** system that is in place. Details are on the website (www.saclap.org.za).

In order to ensure that the registration is renewable after a 5 year period from the date of registration and subsequent cycles thereafter, the registered professional is to ensure that the above criteria are met. SACLAP will advise from time to time if additional requirements are needed.



Any questions



Thank you



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