



# **Advancing the Landscape Management Profession through Professionalisation**

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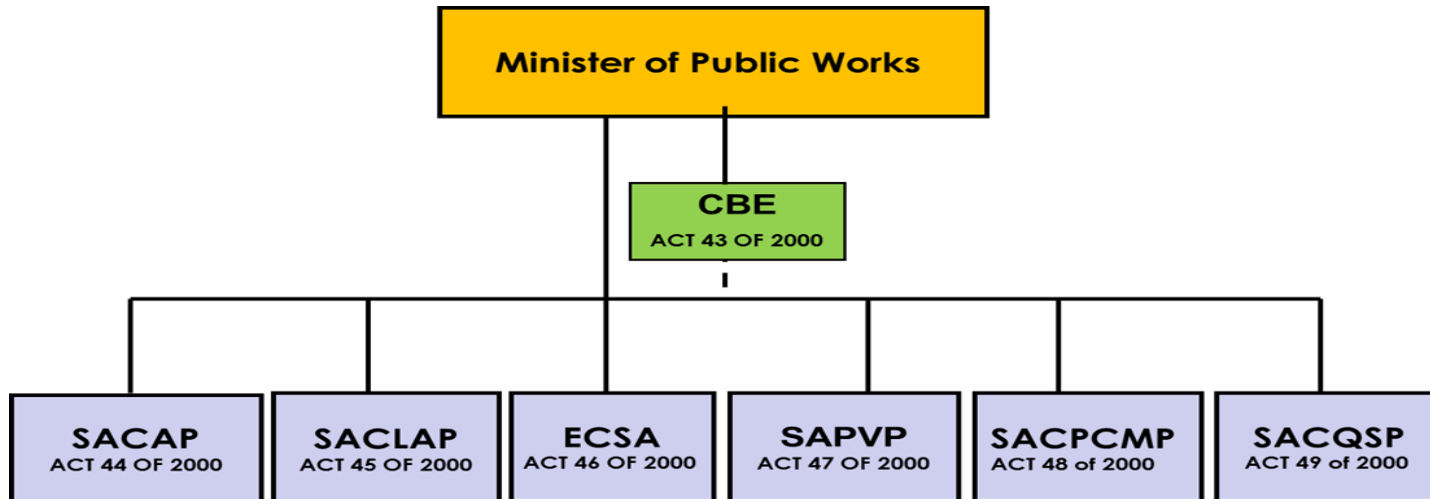
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# SACLAP

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- South African Council for the Landscape Architectural Profession
- Juristic person established by an Act of Parliament
- The Landscape Architectural Profession Act 45 of 2000
- Protection of the Public
- Protection of the Environment
- To register Professionals and Candidates
- To liaise with the CBE

# REGULATION OF PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT



**CBE** – Council for the Built Environment

**SACAP**- The South African Council for the Architectural Profession

**SACLAP**- The South African Council for the Landscape Architect Profession

**ECSA** – The Engineering Council of South Africa

**SAPVP** – The South African Council for the Property Valuers Profession

**SACPCMP** – The South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions

**SACQSP** – The South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession

The CBE is an umbrella council

**CBE has signed an MoU with 3 other similar organisations**

- EAPASA
- SACPLAN
- SAGC

# SACLAP AND ITS MAIN MANDATE

## PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE ENVIRONMENT WITH REGARDS TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

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1. Generate and Set Standards
2. Consult with the Council on Higher Education
3. Consult with the South African Qualifications Authority
4. Conduct accreditations in Institutions of Higher Education
5. Conduct examinations
6. Register candidates and professionals
7. Determine conditions for Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
8. Recognise Voluntary Associations
9. Identification of Landscape Architectural and Landscape Management Work
10. Administer a Code of Conduct
11. Investigate improper conduct
12. Determine and publish guideline professional fees
13. Discipline registered persons

# SACLAP COUNCIL

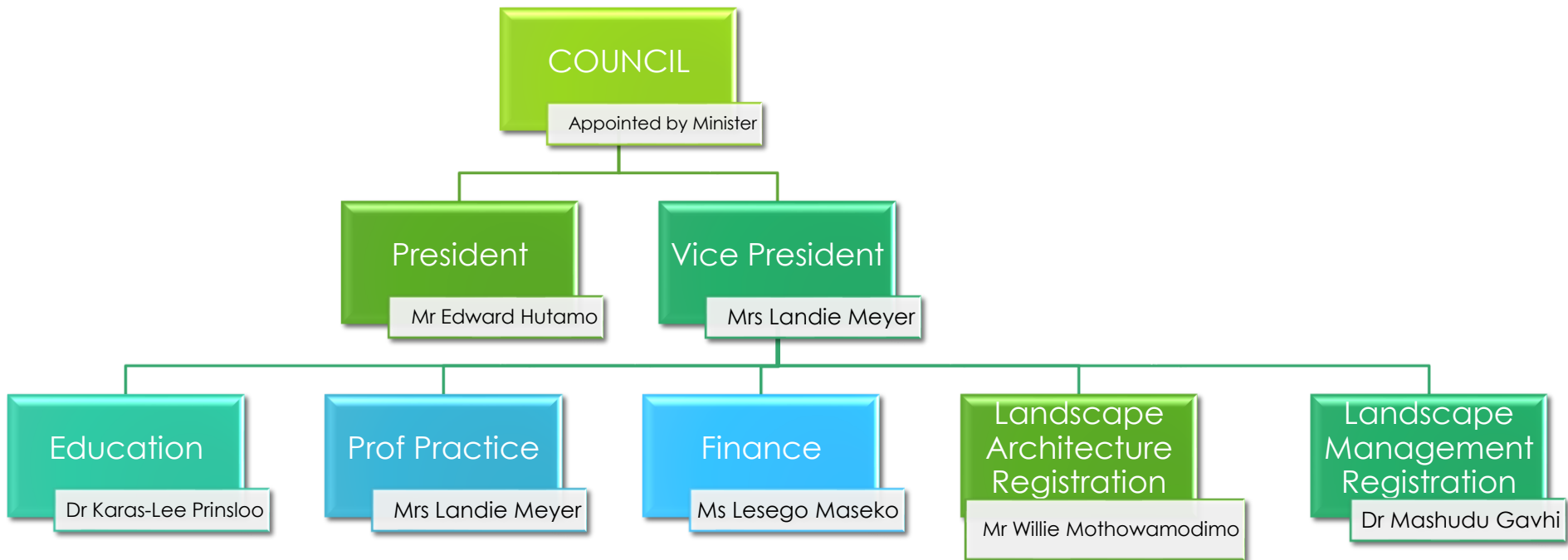
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Council is appointed by Minister of Public Works & Infrastructure

- 4-year term
- 10 members:
  - 6 from the professional fraternity,
  - 2 from Government
  - 2 Public representatives

# SACLAP COUNCIL 2022 - 2026

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# WHY ARE SOME PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS REGULATED?

- Section 22 of **the Constitution** of the Republic of South Africa: Freedom of trade, occupation and profession

*“Every citizen has the right to choose .....freely. The practice of a trade, occupation or profession may be regulated by law.”*

- A regulatory body is a public entity that is empowered by law to exercising autonomous authority over an area of human activity in an authoritative or supervisory capacity.
- A regulatory body is a creature of law.
- SACLAP is a regulatory body





# CATEGORIES OF REGISTRATION

Two distinct professions

## 1. Landscape Architectural Profession - 2000

Professional	qualifications
Landscape Architect	NQF Level 9
Senior Landscape Architectural Technologist	NQF Level 8
Landscape Architectural Technologist	NQF Level 7
Landscape Architectural Technician	NQF Level 6

## 2. Landscape Management Profession - 2016

Professional	qualifications
Landscape Manager	NQF Level 9
Senior Landscape Technologist	NQF Level 8
Landscape Technologist	NQF Level 7
Landscape Technician	NQF Level 6

# REGISTRATION DEMOGRAPHICS

## Professionals

<b>Race</b>	<b>African</b>	<b>Coloured</b>	<b>Indian</b>	<b>White</b>
<b>Percentage of the National Population</b>	79.20	8.92	2.49	8.86
<b>Percentage of the SACLAP Register (31 March 2018)</b>	8.36	2	1	88.62
<b>Percentage of the SACLAP Register (31 March 2023)</b>	12.7	2.2	0.3	84.8

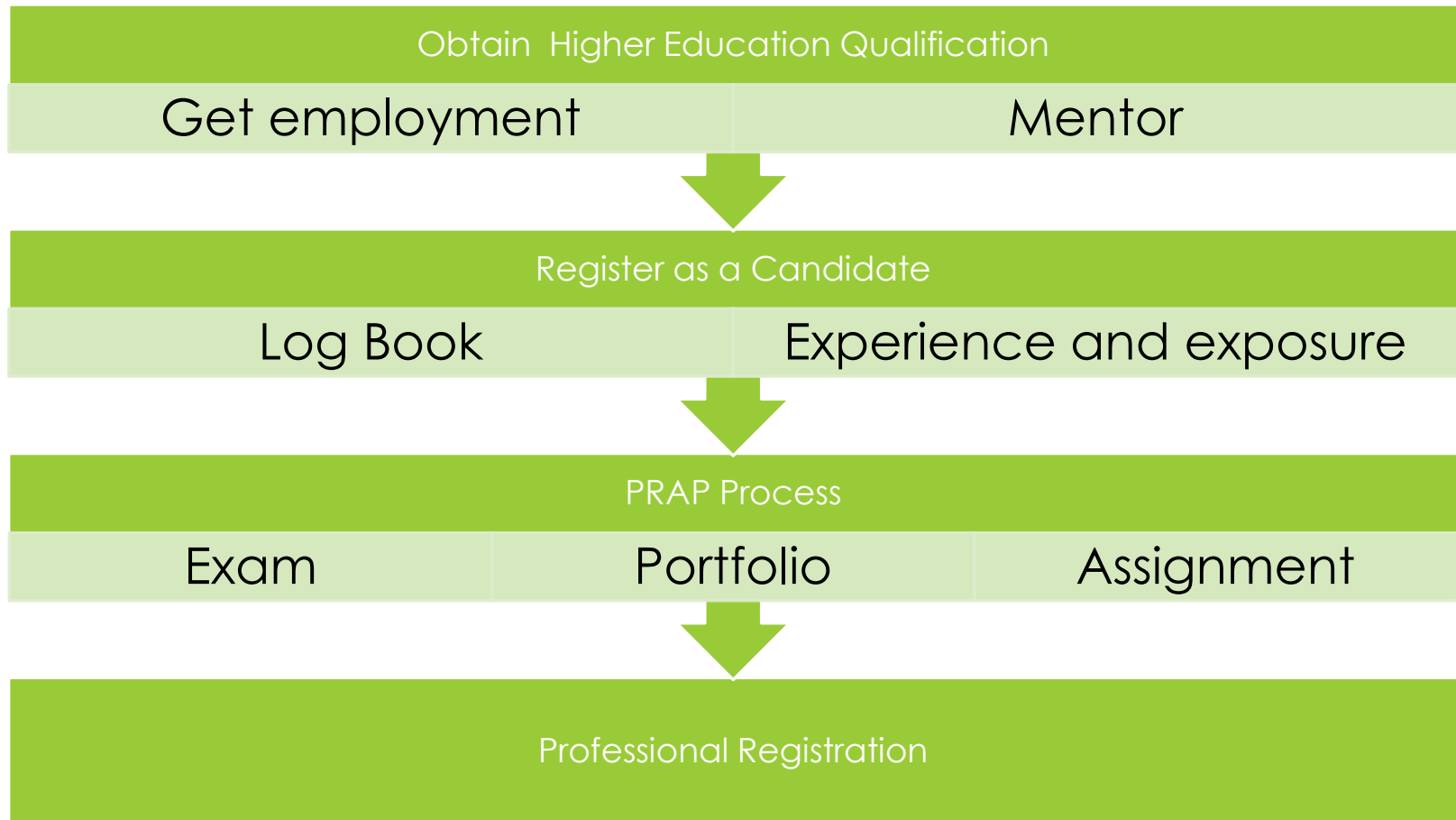
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>Percentage of the National Population</b>	49	51
<b>Percentage of the SACLAP Register (31 March 2018)</b>	53.51	46.49
<b>Percentage of the SACLAP Register (31 March 2023)</b>	54	46

# SACLAP ROUTES OF REGISTRATION

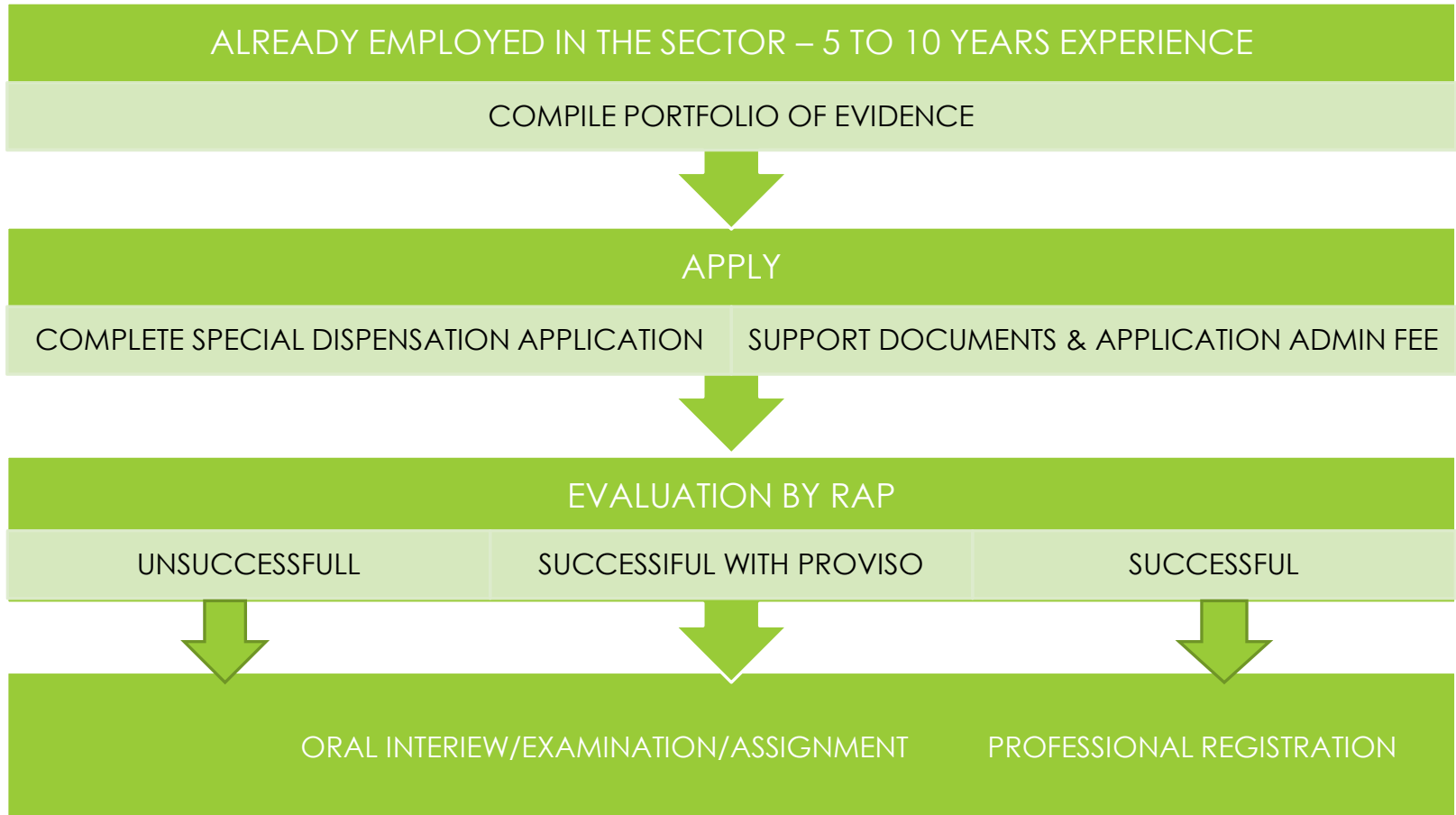
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1. Registration through Candidacy Route
2. Registration by review for Foreign Qualifications
3. Recognition of Prior Learning
4. Special Dispensation – extensive experience

# CANDIDACY ROUTE



# SPECIAL DISPENSATION



# MAINTENANCE OF PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

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- Code of Professional Conduct
- Registration valid for 5 years
- Annual fees invoiced on 1 April
- Invoice to be paid within 60 days
- Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- Renewal of Registration after 5 years – good standing
- Assist a committee member/mentor/assessor...etc

# ANNUAL FEES

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Section 20(1)(a)(iii) of the Landscape Architectural Profession Act provides that annual fees must be paid with 60 days of them being due

Annual Fees consist of:

- Annual Registration Fee
- Annual Education Fund
- Annual CBE Levies
- CPD Annual Submission Fee

# IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

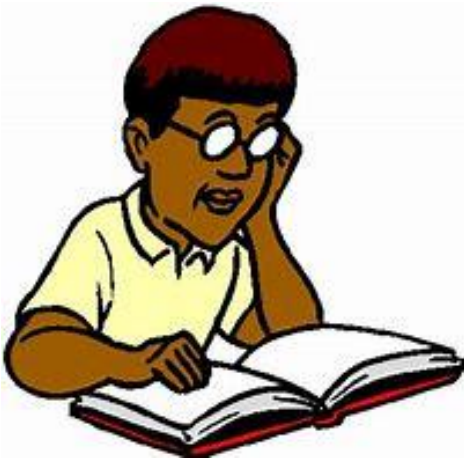
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The Landscape Architectural  
Profession Act, Act no 45 of  
2000

SACLAP Registration Policy  
2016 and Addendum

Weighted core competency  
table for LM Profession.

Special Dispensation Policy  
document





# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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- Why are the lower posts which carry out some landscaping functions under the direction of a horticulturist not recognized?
- Why are non-qualified landscaping/horticulture staff being placed within posts which have landscaping as a primary function?
- Why are most municipalities allowing landscaping/ornamental horticulture work to be done by non-registered persons in conflict with legislation?
- Why do professionals in the landscaping/horticulture profession seem content in remaining unrecognised as a specialist profession with very unique body of knowledge, skills and competencies?



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