

**South Australian Accredited  
Professional Association**

607 Marion Road  
South Plympton SA.5033



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Dear Prospective Member,

You may be wondering; why do we need another professional organisation to represent us?

Many of you been in attendance at meetings where we have discussed/raised issues relating to our roles as Accredited Professionals, and I think it's fair to say that rarely have any of the matters of concern been addressed by the relevant authorities when they have been raised by individuals, or a group of individuals, rather than as a voice from a recognised organisation.

SAAPA has been formed with the view of providing a voice for Accredited Professionals to both governments and the community and is now a registered incorporated body.

With the introduction of the new legislation which hold all Accredited Professional accountable for the decision they make, it is important to have a representative body to monitor and address issues as they arise, or when a potential one is identified.

There is no other body in South Australia which represents all Accredited Professionals, regardless of the area of qualification or expertise.

SAAPA will advocate on your behalf on issues such as

- CPD training,
- Legislative interpretation of Acts and Regulations.
- Mentoring.

Membership of SAAPA will enable you to access this support and provide valuable input into the future direction of SAAPA.

SAAPA have already taken a proactive role in addressing issues of concern to members and is meeting regularly with officers of the Department to work through issues with the Portal that have been identified by members, and more importantly, to ensure that promises made by the Department to fix those problems are followed through.

Members have also been working with the Department with a view to a Practice Direction being prepared in relation 'minor variations' for Deemed to Satisfy developments.

Additionally, SAAPA is working with training providers and PIA regarding training for Accredited Professionals, and in particular providing targeted training directed specifically to the Accreditation requirements in a convenient way that best suits those of us who are time challenged.

SAAPA have also taken up the issue of the Accreditation requirements for Accredited Professionals and hopes to have more to report on this issue in the near future.

SAAPA will be representing all Accredited Professional across the fields of Building, Planning and Surveying.

Your membership of SAAPA can only enhance the role it intends to play in representing Accredited Professionals and in seeking to work with the Government and related organisations to enhance the

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functionality of the SA Planning Portal, to provide targeted training and better reflect our abilities to Act in our roles as Accredited Professionals.

Membership fees for this year are set at \$350.00 per year. Due on the anniversary date of your membership.

Membership criteria is set out in Clause 4.3.1 of the constitution.

To be eligible for membership of SAAPA as a Professional Member a person shall be:

4.3.1.1 an Accredited Professional under the PDI Act;

4.3.1.2 of good character and standing; and

4.3.1.3 prepared to adhere to and seek to advance the objects of SAAPA.

Applications will be reviewed by the executive members and you will be notified of the outcome within 5 business days from the receipt of your application.

Yours Sincerely



Terry Bush