

SACPLAN Accredited Planning Programmes of purposes of Registration with the South African Council for Planners

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Institution	Qualification(s) currently accredited	Current SACPLAN Registration Category ¹ (After post qualification experience)	Notes
Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT)	National Diploma: Town and Regional Planning (ND TRP)	Technical Planner	<i>Being Phased out</i>
	Bachelor of Technology: Town and Regional Planning (BTech TRP)	Professional Planner	<i>Being Phased out</i>
Durban University of Technology (DUT)	National Diploma: Town and Regional Planning (ND TRP)	Technical Planner	<i>Being Phased out</i>
	Bachelor of Technology: Town and Regional Planning (BTech TRP)	Professional Planner	<i>Being Phased out</i>
North-West University (NWU)	Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiae (Planning) (B Art et Scien)	Professional Planner	<i>Name changed</i>
	Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Planning (BSc URP)	Professional Planner	<i>B Art et Scien qualification name changed from January 2018</i>
University of Cape Town (UCT)	Master in City and Regional Planning (MCRP) (SAQA Qualification ID 13855) (Minimum Credits – 300)	Professional Planner	<i>Two-year Master's degree</i>
	Master of City and Regional Planning (MCRP) (SAQA Qualification ID 94631)	Professional Planner	<i>One-year – candidate must have completed the Bachelor of City Planning Honours (SAQA Qualification ID 94845) that feeds into the Master of City and Regional Planning (SAQA Qualification ID 94631)</i>
	Master in City Planning and Urban Design (MCPUD)	Professional Planner	<i>Was not accredited between September 2011 and September 2015</i>

¹ Category of registration following a minimum of two years registration as Candidate Planners and a minimum of 24 months (actual time) post qualification practical training experience

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University of the Free State (UFS)	Master in Urban and Regional Planning (MURP)	Professional Planner	<i>The Candidate must have completed the Bachelor of Spatial Planning: Honours (B Hons. SP) (BC460145 and 45345) that feeds into the MURP (BC470348 and 4762).</i>
University of Johannesburg (UJ)	National Diploma: Town and Regional Planning (ND TRP)	Technical Planner	<i>Being Phased out</i>
	Bachelor of Technology: Town and Regional Planning (BTech TRP)	Professional Planner	<i>Being Phased out</i>
	Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning Honours (B URP Hons)	Professional Planner	<i>Candidate must have completed the BURP (Prog. Code BUPOQ / SAQA ID 94666) that feeds into the BURP Hons (Programme Code H6URBQ / SAQA ID 108895)</i>
University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)	Master of Town and Regional Planning (MTRP)	Professional Planner	
University of Pretoria (UP)	Bachelor of Town and Regional Planning (BTRP)	Professional Planner	
	Master of Town and Regional Planning (By Coursework) (MTRP)	Professional Planner	
Stellenbosch University	Master in Town and Regional Planning (MTRP)	Professional Planner	<i>Discontinued Phased out in 2004</i>
	Master in Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) (Programme Code 11466-887)	Professional Planner	<i>Two-year MURP programme (260 Credits) first offered in 2020</i>
University of Venda (Univen)	Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (BURP)	Professional Planner	

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University of the Witwatersrand (Wits)	Bachelor of Science Honours in Urban and Regional Planning (BSc Hons (URP))	Professional Planner	<i>Candidate must have completed the BSc URP (SAQA 49918) that feeds into the BSc Hons URP(SAQA 49917).</i>
	Bachelor of Science in Town and Regional (BSc TRP)	Professional Planner	Discontinued
	Master of Science in Development Planning (MSc (DP)) (SAQA Qualification ID – 9937). (Minimum 300 Credits)	Professional Planner	<i>Two year Master's degree</i>
	Master of Science in Development Planning (MSc DP) (SAQA Qualification ID 9937) (180 SAQA credits)	Professional Planner	<i>Duration One year.</i> <i>Candidate must have completed the Postgraduate Diploma in Planning (SAQA Qualification ID 96533 – 150 SAQA credits) that feeds into the MSc DP (SAQA Qualification ID 9937)</i>

Students enrolled in these programmes can register as Candidate Student Planners.

After completion of the qualification the graduate must register as a Candidate Planner

To be able to register as a Technical Planner or Professional Planner as indicated there are a number of requirements that must be met The SACPLAN Rules sets out the requirements for registration:

- Rule 15(3) states that "the practical training must be for a total period of at least 24 months." Please note that in this regard reference is made to actual time. The 24 month period is normally only achieved within a minimum period of 2,5 to 3 years.
- Rule 15(4) states that "the practical training must be undertaken after obtaining the relevant planning qualification." You can include your experience from completing your qualification.
- Rule 15(5) states that "the practical training must be undertaken under the guidance of a registered professional planner in respect of a person

registering as a professional planner, or under the guidance of the technical or professional planner for a person registering as a technical planner.” In this regard you are also referred to Rule 17(1)(c) that states that a “Candidate Planner must within a period of 30 days from the date of registration as a Candidate Planner submit for approval by Council the name(s) of his/her supervisor(s), and/or change in supervisor.

- Rule 15(6) states that "In addition, it is necessary to have been registered as a candidate planner for at least two (2) years." This would then be from the date your application as a Candidate Planner was approved. This date is mentioned in the letter of approval you received.

You need to meet the requirements of Rules 15(3), 15(4) as well as 15(6). You must satisfy all the requirement., being:

- For registration as a Technical Planner the practical training must be undertaken under the guidance of a registered Technical or Professional Planner, with a minimum of three (3) years post registration experience;
- For registration as a Professional Planner the practical training must be undertaken under the guidance of a registered Professional Planner, with a minimum of three (3) years post registration experience; and

The person must have been registered as a candidate planner for at least two (2) years.