



SOUTH AFRICAN REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION

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TO ALL CONTRACTORS

Dear All,

RE: REGISTRATION OF AUTHORISED PERSONS.

SARACCA has taken on the responsibilities of ACRICSA for registration of Authorised Persons in terms of the Pressure Equipment Regulations.

The Department of Labour published the "Pressure Equipment Regulations" in the Government Gazette in July 2009, as part of the Occupational Health and Safety Act Number 85 of 1993. These regulations came into force on 1st October 2009. The important clause is No 17 as it applies to our industry.

In clause 17 of the pressure equipment regulation it states that;

1. *"No person shall –*

- a) handle, store, or distribute any gas in any manner, which includes the filling of a container, other than in accordance with the relevant health and safety standard incorporated into these regulations under section 44 of the Act;*
- b) install or remove an appliance, pressure equipment or system for gas in any manner other than in accordance with the relevant safety standard incorporated into these regulation under section 44 of the Act;*
- c) install or remove a gas appliance or a gas system or a gas reticulation system unless such a person is an authorised person; or*
- d) use pressure equipment or systems for gas in any manner other than in accordance with the relevant safety standard incorporated into this regulation under section 44 of the Act.*

2. *After installation or re-installation, and before commissioning a gas system, the user shall ensure that an external inspection and leak test are performed by an authorised person or an approved inspection authority as applicable in terms of sub regulation 1.c.*

3. *An authorised person or an approved inspection authority shall issue a certificate of conformity after completion of a gas installation, modification, alteration or change of user or ownership in the form of annexure 1."*

The Department of Labour has accredited SAQCC Gas with the responsibility of registering and maintaining a data base of "Authorised Persons". The Regulations define an authorised person as one who is registered as competent within the scope of work. In the refrigeration and air conditioning industry we have defined eight (8) categories within the scope of work. You will notice that the first two categories the unit standards have been added to with US116223 (the OHS Act as it applies to employees) and US 116355 (handling refrigerant containers). SARACCA is affiliated to SAQCC Gas and is given the responsibility for the registration in the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration industry.

The new registration is in place and attached is the new form. The cost of registration cycle is R1 200.00 plus VAT (R1 368.00 in total) valid for 36 months. The cost of a replacement lost or stolen card is R228.00 and an upgrade from one category to a higher level is R228.00.

A disciplinary procedure has been put in place and is applicable where an authorised person practicing within his scope of work shows poor or bad performance or bad behaviour and who contravenes the SAQCC Gas Code of Conduct. It is important for the refrigeration and air conditioning industry to ensure all technicians working on systems under pressure and handling of refrigerants to comply with the O H & S Act. Please start registering your staff who are working with refrigeration.

We trust that you will adopt this new registration process with enthusiasm and we look forward to working together.

Yours faithfully

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Encls: Qualification Matrix
Registration Form