**ACRP REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**SUMMARY OF AFFILIATION AND DESIGNATION CATEGORIES AND CPD TYPES**

**AMENDED RULES OF AFFILIATION AND DESIGNATION**

**(Confirmed with SAQA on 25 July 2019)**

(Version 2.5)

Table 1-1 summarises the categories of affiliation and designation that are relevant to ACRP’s ***Council for General Ministry Practitioners (CGMP***) and ***Council for Ministry Training Practitioners (CMTP).*** It also shows the qualifications or requirements related to the different categories, the Continued Professional Development (CPD) types that are relevant to designated persons in the various categories. (The table was compiled, taking into account the type of scenarios experienced in the past while processing CGMP and CMTP affiliation applications.) Table 1-2 shows the affiliation categories relevant to the ***Council for Pastoral and Spiritual Counsellors (CPSC).***

**TABLE 1-1 AFFILIATION CATEGORIES RELEVANT TO CGMP AND CMTP**

| **CGMP and CMTP Registration category / designation level** | **Direct route (designation awarded via a qualification recognised by SAQA)** | | **Alternative route (no relevant SAQA recognised1 qualification - Designations Levels 1 - 4 applied for via RPL)** | |
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| **Requirement** | **CPD Type2** | **Requirement** | **CPD Type2** |
| **NON-DESIGNATED AFFILIATES** | | | | |
| **1. Associated Affiliate**. This category of affiliation with ACRP is for persons who are informally (i.e. not professionally / occupationally) involved in ministry, but who want to be associated with the professional body. Examples: elders or deacons, Sunday school teachers, etc who spend only a few hours per month on their ministry work; also support staff of ministry such as, for example, administrative staff; and persons with no specific ministry scope of practice who supports the ACRP objectives.  This is also the temporary registration category for persons formally (occupationally) involved in ministry, who do not meet the minimum criteria yet of one of the designations as set out below. | 1.1 |  | 1.2 Associated Affiliate application form, *inter alia* indicating the relationship the person has with ministry; no designation applied for; no RPL | No CPD duty, but an invitation to participate in CPD programmes. |
| **2. Student Affiliate** This category of affiliation with ACRP is for students who are enrolled for a ministry or theological qualification, while not yet professionally / occupationally involved in a ministry.  Note: Persons who are already functioning as pastors or occupationally involved in ministry while studying, should be affiliated with ACRP on the relevant level of designation as set out below. | 2.1 |  | 2.2 Student Affiliate application form, *inter alia* providing information on the studies and intention to become involved in ministry. (**Please note:** *student affiliation* is only for students who are not yet in a formal ministry. A pastor or other person in formal ministry who are also studying has to apply for a designation on the level which fits his / her level of former training and current ministry involvement.) | No CPD duty; annual report on progress with studies required. |

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| **Requirement** | **CPD Type2** | **Requirement /situation** | **CPD Type2** |
| **DESIGNATED AFFILIATES** | | | | |
| **3. Religious practitioner** (Affiliate with Designation  Level 1)  This designation is awarded to persons with confirmed\*\* professional / occupational involvement in ministry, while not qualifying for other levels of designation as described below. | **3.1.** |  | **3.2.a.** The applicant has Matric, no SAQA recognised1 ministry qualification, but has at least 1 year of confir­med3 ministry experience (own and third party confir­mation); ***basic RPL***4 application was submitted together with the initial application form. | Structured CPD is advised, based on NQF Level 2 or 5 ministry qualification or higher, or other ACRP approved structured programme which will be followed by a qualification aligned structured CPD programme. |
| **3.2.b.** The applicant has no Matric and no SAQA recognised1 ministry qualification but has at least 2 years confir­med3 ministry ex­perience (own and third party confir­mation); ***basic RPL***4 application was submitted together with the initial application form. |
| **3.2.c**. Application for a higher level of designation was submitted, but the requirements applying to that or another higher level of designation have not yet been met, or there is still outstanding information. |
| **4. Advanced religious practitioner** (Affiliate with Designation Level 2)  This designation is awarded to persons with confirmed\*\* professional / occupational involvement in ministry, with the qualifications or proven ministry experience and knowledge / experience as relevant to this designation level (see columns to the right) | **4.1.** NQF Level 2 or 4 SAQA recognised1 ministry qualification | Random CPD | **4.2.a.** No SAQA recognised1 ministry qualification as required for this level, but has at least 6 years confirmed3 ministry experience; or a non-mi­nistry qua­lification which is relevant to ministry6 on NQF Levels 2 or higher and at least 4 years of confirmed3 minis­try expe­rience: ***Advanced RPL*** | Structured CPD is advised, based on NQF Level 2 or 5 ministry qualification or higher, or other ACRP approved structured programme which will be followed by a qualification aligned structured CPD programme. |
| **4.2.b**. No SAQA recognised1 ministry qualification; but applicant is the holder of a non-SAQA recognised minis­try qualification accepted by ACRP for this level: ***limited RPL***5 | Random CPD, with a recommendation for structured CPD or enrolment for an accredited qualification |
| **5. Religious professional** (Affiliate with Desig­nation  Level 3)  This designation is awarded to persons with confirmed\*\* professional / occupational involvement in ministry, with the qualifications or proven ministry experience and knowledge / experience as relevant to this designation level (see columns to the right) | **5.1**. NQF Level 5, 6, 7 or 8 SAQA recognised1 ministry quali­fication (occupational / higher certificate, advanced certificate, diplo­ma, B degree, B Hons degree) | Random CPD | **5.2.a**. No SAQA recognised1 ministry qualification as required for this level, but has at least 10 years of con­firmed3 minis­try ex­pe­rience; or a ministry relevant non-mi­nis­try qualifica­tion6 on NQF Le­vels 5 to 8, and at least 6 years of con­firmed3 minis­try expe­rience: ***Advanced RPL*** | Structured CPD is advised, based on NQF Level 5 or higher ministry qualification |
| **5.2.b.** No SAQA recognised1 ministry qualification; but applicant is the holder of a non-SAQA recognised ministry qualification accepted by ACRP for this level***: limited RPL***5 | Random CPD, with a recommendation for structured CPD or enrolment for an accredited qualification |
| **6. Religious specialist** (Affiliate with Desig­nation Level4)  This designation is awarded to persons with confirmed\*\* professional / occupational involvement in ministry, with the qualifications or proven ministry experience and knowledge / experience as relevant to this designation level (see columns to the right) | **6.1.** NQF Level 9 or 10 SAQA recognised1 ministry qualification (Master’s degree or Doctorate) | Random CPD | **6.2.a** No SAQA recognised1 ministry qualification as required for this level, but with a ministry relevant non-ministry M or D qua­lifi­cation6 and at least 6 years of confirmed3 minis­try ex­peri­ence: ***Advanced RPL***. | Structured CPD is advised, based on NQF Level 5 or higher ministry qualifica­tion |
| **6.2.b**. No SAQA recognised1 ministry qualification; but applicant is the holder of a non-SAQA recognised ministry qualification accepted by ACRP as M or D equivalent: ***limited RPL***5 | Random CPD, with a recommendation for structured CPD or enrolment for an accredited qualification |

1 A “SAQA recognised qualification” is a South African qualification registered on the SAQA website or a foreign qualification that was evaluated and approved by SAQA.

2 For description of CGMP or CMTP CPD policy and programme: see the relevant policy document on the ACRP website.

3 Confirmed: letter of third party involved in the relevant Ministry; or confirmation by an ACRP accredited intermediary

4 Basic RPL: advanced RPL minus the examples of ministry outputs (competence test).

5 Limited RPL: Same as advanced RPL in terms of years of ministry experience etc, but the need to submit examples of ministry outputs or bridging / refresher courses is waived if the non-SAQA recognised qualification receives a positive evaluation by ACRP. (Information to enable ACRP to evaluate the qualification / training must be made available; if not available, full RPL will be required)

6 E.g. education, psycholo­gy, social work, occupational therapy or other non-ministry qualifications which can be demonstrated as being relevant to ministry

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**TABLE 1-2 AFFILIATION CATEGORIES RELEVANT TO THE**

**COUNCIL FOR PASTORAL AND SPIRITUAL COUNSELLORS (CPSC)**

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| **CPSC Registration / designation category** | **CPSC Subcategories** | **Requirements for direct route** | **RPL** | **CPD** |
| Designation level | Scope of practice linked to subcategories in designated affiliation | Differentiated scope of practice for the different subcategories | General re­mark:  RPL is applied where needed based on experience, other qualifications, years in field, other fields of expertise, infor­mation in testi­monials, field of employment  Contact CPSC office for more information | 20 CPSC CPD points required annually. The CPSC CPD points earned by CPSC affiliates consist mainly of random CPD points as currently most designated persons in the CPSC context have been awarded the designation based on the relevant qualification and not on RPL. |
| Affiliate | Associated Affiliate | Involvement in ministry, support CPSC objective, no scope of practice |
| Religious Practitioner | Religious Practitioner in Christian Pastoral Care | No ministry qualification. Involvement in ministry with pastoral care (RPL) |
| Advanced Religious Practitioner | Advanced Religious Practitioner in Christian Pastoral Care | NQF Level 2 or 4 ministry qualification  (Matric and Pastoral care course not necessarily SAQA registered) |
| Religious Professional | Basic Religious Professional in Christian Pastoral Counselling  Intermediate Religious Professional in Christian Pastoral Counselling  Advanced Religious Professional in Christian Pastoral Counselling | NQF Level 5 or 6 Pastoral counselling  NQF Level 7 Pastoral counselling focused  NQF Level 8 Pastoral counselling focused |
| Religious Specialist | Religious Specialist in Christian Pastoral Counselling  Advanced Religious Specialist in Christian Pastoral Counselling | NQF Level 9 Pastoral counselling  NQF Level 10 Pastoral counselling |