

PHP Designation's Policy on Recognition of Prior Learning

Applicants for the Professional Heritage Practitioner (PHP) Designation are typically required to have a **formal academic qualification** in the form of a four-year University Degree or comparable Honours with learning outcomes at least at the South African National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Level Descriptor 8, in one or more of the following fields:

- Architecture
- Planning
- Archaeology
- Social, Oral and Urban History
- Landscape Architecture, Visual and Cultural Landscape Analysis
- Urban Design
- Palaeontology
- Heritage Law
- Other relevant disciplines.

Applicants are required to have further **formal specialist training** in conservation or heritage resource management including degrees, diplomas and specialist occasional courses.

The **absence of either or both** a **formal academic qualification** and **formal specialist training** in any of the fields listed above may be **compensated by** application of the principles of **Recognition of Prior Learning** in the form of **at least seven (7) years** of full-time proven and relevant experience, or alternatively broken periods that cumulatively add up to seven (7) years, that constitutes professional standing in the field of heritage conservation and heritage management in South Africa in the application of sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 48, 49 and 51 of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), Act 25 of 1999, related to **one or more** of the activities listed below:

- Conservation of the built environment
- Landscape and visual analysis
- Historical research including heritage related indigenous knowledge systems and archival research
- Site research, including measuring and excavating

- Heritage surveying / conservation studies of sites or regions
- Assessment of cultural significance in terms of legal parameters
- Development of heritage-related informants or design indicators
- Heritage impact assessment
- Construction and supervision of construction as it relates to heritage resources
- Design in a heritage sensitive context
- Regulating and drafting heritage related legislation
- Heritage resource management
- Other appropriate heritage-related activities.

Such relevant experience in lieu of a qualification and specialist training shall be deemed a satisfactory basis for the award of the PHP Designation if an applicant's work experience is judged to be of a sufficient standard by the Assessors and the relevant membership committee of the Association, in recognition of the applicant's experiential learning obtained in the workplace.
