

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING TOWARDS A DESIGNATION

Persons in ministry who do not have a relevant SAQA recognised, qualification, May also apply for a professional designation. In this case it will be done through a process of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). RPL towards a professional designation is done based on evidence of a person's years of ministry experience. Qualifications and other training that are not SAQA recognised are also taken into account for the purposes of RPL. To apply for a designation through RPL, an RPL application form needs to be completed and submitted the relevant supporting documentation and proof of payment of the fees.

For RPL towards a designation:

- See awarding of designation document

The RPL application process is as follows:

- An individual who applies directly to the ANOCC office (that is not via an intermediary organisation) is advised to study the awarding of designation document, and to apply for the level of affiliation that is relevant to him or her – with reference to the number of years in formal ministry.

Benefits of affiliating with ANOCC:

- Professional recognition in terms of an Act of Parliament.
- Formal confirmation of ethical standards.
- Assistance with best practice of governance to ensure public trust.
- Formal recognition of knowledge and experience (Recognition of Prior Learning).
- Access to formal qualifications.
- Access to Continued Professional Development (CPD).

Detailed information and forms are available on www.anom.org.za

Other objectives are:

- Aligning the profession with the changing landscape of the South African socio-political needs;
- Providing a scope of practice that makes pastoral and spiritual practice more accessible to all people;
- Moving pastoral and spiritual counselling into contexts where it can serve society in an optimal manner (including hospitals, correctional services, schools, etc);
- Promoting inter-professional liaison and promoting spiritual health and wellness;
- Encouraging study, research and publications on pastoral and spiritual counselling;
- Monitoring Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in pastoral and spiritual counselling; and
- Obtaining statutory recognition of the profession.