

SANAS supports occupational hygiene in the workplace

Did you know that an employer is responsible for occupational hygiene in the workplace?

Did you know that an employee in South Africa has to anticipate, evaluate, control and prevent hazards such as Noise-Induced Hearing Loss, Hazardous Chemical Substances, Hazardous Biological Agents in the workplace that may result in injury, illness or affect the well-being of workers?

Did you know that employers in South Africa must bring in the services of a Department of Labour approved inspection authority (AIA) to monitor that they as employers, comply with the various occupational hygiene regulations?

SANAS' responsibility is to assess against international standards that the inspection body has registered occupational hygienists in their employ and that they have the equipment prescribed by the international standards and the Department of Labour before the bodies are accredited by SANAS and approved by the Department of Labour.

SANAS supports safe drinking water in South Africa

Did you know that there are a series of complex issues and a range of areas where there has to be tight control to ensure safe drinking water?

Often water, whether from the tap or a bottle, needs to be tested to ensure the quality and to confirm that it is pollutant or contaminant free.

The testing takes place in SANAS accredited laboratories which give confidence in testing results.

If bottle water is labelled, the claims in the label need to be confirmed by testing results that comes from a SANAS accredited laboratory.

Sea and river water is also tested in SANAS accredited laboratories.

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SANAS Protects South African consumers and workers

SANAS plays a key role in ensuring the health and safety of South Africans at work, as well as making sure that consumers receive goods and services that are safe for them to use and represent value for their money. Here are some important facts concerning SANAS' role in protecting both workers and consumers.

Did you know that when you purchase food that's weighed on a scale, those scales are verified to ensure that they weigh items correctly?

SANAS accredits the companies that verify scales used by retailers.

Did you know that the medical laboratory you go to for your medical tests is accredited by SANAS for specific tests?

Did you know that the pumps at petrol stations are required to be verified by SANAS accredited verification bodies to ensure that consumers get the litres they pay for?

Why is SANAS accreditation important?

SANAS' responsibility is to assess and recognise the competency, including knowledge, skills and ability of the verification bodies or medical laboratories to provide their specific services.

What value does SANAS accreditation add?

SANAS recognition is used by calibration, verification and medical companies to illustrate to their clients, regulators and government that they are competent to provide the services as stated on the schedule of accreditation issued by SANAS.

What are your rights as the consumer?

- You may ask any retailer to show you the seal on the scale that was verified by a SANAS accredited verification body.
- At a petrol station, you can ask to see the verification certificate for each pump that was verified by a SANAS accredited verification body.
- At the medical laboratory you may ask to see the SANAS accreditation certificate and the accreditation schedule that list the tests that the laboratory is accredited for.

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