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3-7 September 2018

# SHORT COURSE INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

Presented by:

EOH Coastal & Environmental Services  
and the Department of Environmental Science  
Rhodes University,

Grahamstown; South Africa

<http://www.cesnet.co.za/courses>

**Course Overview:** This course is aimed at anyone interested in enhancing their knowledge of the Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) process, in particular, the regulatory framework and best practice approach to conducting an EIA. The course has been developed by EOH Coastal and Environmental Services, a world class environmental consultancy in the area of EIAs, based on their experience over the last 28 years across the South Africa and the African continent. Presenters on the course include highly experienced EIA practitioners who will use a combination of lectures, customised case studies and practical sessions to develop delegates' theoretical and applied knowledge of the EIA process and associated tools.

**Course Structure:** The course will be run over a 5-day period, from Monday 3 - Friday 7 September 2018 | Grahamstown | Eastern Cape | South Africa and will consist of Lectures, tutorials, case study discussions, group work and presentations. *It is recommended to confirm the final Venue details prior to arriving in Grahamstown.*

- The delegate group will be split into smaller work parties to address particular examples presented in the course, which will help to develop problem-solving skills, as well as increasing the understanding of Environmental Management and the EIA process.
- A range of delegates from various sectors will enrich the learning experience.
- The course will be intensive, with lectures and tutorials running from 08h00 to 17h00, with additional individual tasks set for two evenings.
- Those delegates who successfully complete a source based exam on the last day of the course will qualify for a Rhodes University certificate of competence.

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**Registration & Attendance:** Registration forms with full details are required to enable EOH Coastal & Environmental Services, in collaboration with Rhodes University, to process a quotation and invoice for payment. Attendance is confirmed only by confirmation of payment received prior to the commencement of the course, provided the course capacity is not exceeded or cancelled due to the discretion of the organisers. Confirmation of the payment date to be confirmed as required and stipulated by EOH Coastal & Environmental Services' Course Co-ordinator. The attendee is liable for the payment commitment and arrangements.

**Course Fee:** The short course fee is R9500.00 (exempt from VAT). This course is always over-subscribed; in order to secure your booking, full payment is required before commencement of the course. The course fee includes:

- Course notes and literature.
- Evaluation of the exam.
- Certificate of competence from Rhodes University (in case the exam is written and results in a competent assessment outcome).
- Letter of attendance from Rhodes University (in case the exam is either not written or do not meet the minimum requirements for competency).
- Lunches and teas Monday to Thursday.
- Quiz evening with refreshments.
- Dinner on Wednesday night.

### What past delegates have said about the course:

"The course was appreciated by me and I will advise every person who is involved with the Environmental Projects at their workplaces to go for the course because they will benefit a lot from this course".

"This was more than what my expectations were".

"Even though I did not have much experience with EIA, the course materials were enough for everyone to understand."

"It is awesome to learn from such a range of knowledgeable and experienced people".

"Very organised and structured, I learnt a lot and enjoyed the practical application of the knowledge in the syndicate sessions".

### Additional information:

- Accommodation and transport in Grahamstown is not included in the course fee and is the responsibility of the participant. *BEFORE* confirming and paying for transport and accommodation, please ensure to obtain confirmation of course presentation. We will not be held responsible for any costs incurred due to the cancellation of the course should the required number of delegates to present a feasible course, not be obtained.
- Lunches will be provided from Monday to Thursday, and supper on Wednesday evening only.
- It is recommended to travel to Grahamstown on the Sunday 2 September and depart from Grahamstown on Friday afternoon 7 September.
- The course finishes at 13:00 on Friday 7 September 2018. The nearest commercial airport is Port Elizabeth which is 130km from Grahamstown. Please plan travel arrangements accordingly.
- It is advised to book accommodation within close proximity to Rhodes University, and within walking distance (Somerset and High streets). Recommended but not limited to link to follow for finding accommodation: <http://www.grahamstownaccommodation.co.za/>

**Course Outcomes:** The primary objective of this course is to increase capacity and understanding of environmental management and more specifically the environmental impact assessment process.

On completion of the course, participants should be able to demonstrate the following:

- Identify circumstances under which a full EIA or Basic Environmental Assessment is required based on South African environmental legislation.
- Compile the application form required for Department of Environmental Affairs.
- Compile the basic assessment report required for Department of Environmental Affairs.
- Identify the key steps required in a full scoping and EIA process.
- Identify and assess (using a matrix) the significance of environmental and social impacts associated with a proposed development and recommend practical mitigation measures.
- Discuss the importance of and best practice for public participation during the EIA process.
- Develop the Terms and Reference for a specialist study.
- Discuss the importance of environmental management plans (EMP).
- Discuss what procedures can be followed after environmental authorisation is granted.
- Critically evaluate the merits of an EIA – 'what makes a good EIA'.

**Admission Requirements:** Undergraduate degree/diploma or matric + relevant working experience.

**REGISTER BY: 17 JULY 2018**