

# INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

## SHORT COURSE

Presented by:

**Coastal & Environmental Services and  
The department of Environmental Science  
Rhodes University**

THIS SHORT COURSE  
IS NOW IN ITS 8TH  
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### OBJECTIVES:

- The primary objective of this course is to meet a need to increase capacity and understanding of environmental management, and more specifically the environmental impact assessment process.
- Local case studies will be used to bring important points across, and presenters will mainly be Eastern Cape experts in their respective fields.
- In this course, we will specifically focus on and clearly explain the theory and practice of EIA, and how this relates to the new EIA regulations promulgated in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998).

### Course Overview

The course will introduce you to the field of environmental management by focusing on the procedures for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Integrated Environmental Management (IEM). Emphasis is therefore placed on the study of human impacts on the environment, and how to evaluate the importance of these impacts and regulate their effects, using EIA as the management tool. On completion of the course, participants should understand and be able to answer the following:

- What is environmental science and environmental management?
- What is an environmental impact assessment?
- How does one undertake an environmental impact assessment?
- What are the different stages through which an EIA goes?
- What is the current status of EIA in South Africa?
- What are the implications of the new EIA regulations?
- What are the challenges facing EIA in Africa?
- What is integrated environmental management?
- What is public scoping and public participation?
- How does one undertake a public participation programme?
- What is social impact assessment?
- What principles should be observed when making environmental decisions?
- What makes a good EIA?

### Course Structure

The course will be run over a 5-day period, from **Monday 3 to Friday 7 May 2010**, and will consist of lectures, tutorials, practicals and workshops.

The group will be split into smaller work parties to tackle particular examples presented in the course, which will help to develop problem-solving skills, as well as increasing the understanding of Environmental Management.

A range of delegates from all walks of life will attend the course; which 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.

Please note that delegates will be required to complete a post-course written assignment to qualify for a Rhodes University certificate of competence.

### Admission Requirements

Undergraduate degree / diploma OR matric + relevant working experience



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## Comments from previous participants:

- New insights and valuable lessons learnt from experienced experts.
- I liked the fact that we were given an opportunity to actively participate in the whole learning process. It kept me wide awake.
- I have been working very closely with the public at the scoping level of EIA and the wide range of information will definitely help me in my future projects.
- I would strongly recommend this course to any person dealing with EIAs.
- The course broadened my knowledge and sharpened my thinking.
- Definitely a good course! I appreciate that presenters are not only coming from a theoretical aspect, but from practical experience. Real life issues are dealt with.

## Course presenters include:

- **Dr Ted Avis** – Managing Director of Coastal & Environmental Services. Formerly a senior lecturer in the Department of Botany at Rhodes University.
- **Dr Kevin Whittington-Jones** – Director and environmental consultant, Coastal & Environmental Services.
- **Ms Naomi Richardson** – Senior environmental consultant with Coastal & Environmental Services.
- **Ms Marie Parramon** – Sustainability Legal Consultant of IMBEWU Sustainability Legal Specialists (Pty) Ltd.
- **Ms Maura Andrew** – Principal environmental consultant, Coastal & Environmental Services.
- **Mr Lungisa Bosman** – Environmental consultant, Coastal & Environmental Services.
- **Mr Marc Hardy** – Principal Environmental consultant, Coastal & Environmental Services.
- **Dr Greer Hawley** – Senior environmental consultant with Coastal & Environmental Services.
- **Prof Fred Ellery** – Head of Department, Environmental Science Rhodes University.

Coastal & Environmental Services and Rhodes University reserves the right to change any of the above mentioned specialists.

## Costs

The professional short course fee is R5701.75 per delegate (excluding VAT) and R6500.00 (including VAT). This course is always over-subscribed so in order to secure your booking, **full payment is required before commencement of the course**. Registration forms with full details are required to enable CES to process an invoice for payment.

The course includes:

- Set of course notes and other literature
- Evaluation of the post-course written assignment
- Certificate of competence from Rhodes University
- All lunches and teas
- Quiz evening with snacks and drinks on the Monday
- Pizza / Pasta dinner on Wednesday night
- Free Tuesday and Thursday evenings

Accommodation and transport in Grahamstown is not included in the course fee and is the responsibility of the participant. The fee also excludes travel costs, breakfasts and Tuesday and Thursday nights' dinner, as well as beverages with the Wednesday evening meal provided.

You may search for accommodation on the town's website: [www.grahamstown.co.za](http://www.grahamstown.co.za).

Recommended central accommodation:

**Continuing Education Centre**, limited accommodation, booking form available on our website, [www.cesnet.co.za/downloads/courses](http://www.cesnet.co.za/downloads/courses) Tel: (046) 603 8138

**Graham Hotel**, contact person Yolandi Hendriks Tel: (046) 622 2324 [yolandi@afritemba.com](mailto:yolandi@afritemba.com)

Recommended shuttle service Port Elizabeth Airport to and in Grahamstown:  
**JC Shuttle Services** 083 590 2169 / 046-622 2481 [jcshuttle@telkomsa.net](mailto:jcshuttle@telkomsa.net)

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