



CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP WITH CHARTERED STATUS


Overview



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Chartered Status

- In recognition of increased obligations by National Reporting Organisations (NROs) and Recognised Professional Organisations (RPOs) globally as well as addressing concerns of local and international stock exchanges, the GSSA, has determined that only Corporate Members/Fellows with Chartered status may be considered as Competent Persons / Competent Valuers / Qualified Reserve Estimators.
- Chartered Status is a requirement **only for Members/Fellows of the GSSA who wish to use their GSSA membership to sign off** as Competent Persons (or Lead Competent Person), Competent Valuers or Qualified Reserves Estimator **on Public Reports** (as defined in the SAMCODES or any other CRIRSCO code).
 - Academics/State organisations
 - Qualified Experts (UNFC)



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Chartered Status



Professional Excellence

- The Chartered status represents a superior level of professionalism and ethics.
- Employers and clients alike demand excellence, enhancing employment opportunities, locally and abroad.



International Relevance

- The GSSA is one of the sponsors of the SAMCODES (which includes the SAMREC and SAMVAL Codes).
- International reciprocity is vitally important for Geoscientists working in the global space.



Global Best Practice


- More and more obligations are being placed on Competent Persons globally.
- Accreditation through the GSSA will provide increased access to international reciprocity through the RPO process.



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Chartered Status - requirements

1. Be a current Corporate or Retired member in good standing of the GSSA (Chartered status is not applicable to Student, Affiliate or Institutional members).
2. Have an applicable geoscience/earth science, **four-year degree** or equivalent.
3. Have a minimum of **FIVE years practical (post-Graduate) experience** in the commodity, deposit type and/or style of mineralisation and activity that they wish to sign off on, of which at least **TWO years must be in a role requiring exercise of professional judgement**.
4. Submit to the **GSSA Code of Ethics and the Complaints & Disciplinary** procedure. It is expected that the applicant will attend at least one Professionalism/Ethics course in a five-year Continuing Professional Development (CPD) cycle)
5. Demonstrate **annual compliance with a GSSA approved CPD programme** for at least the past five years.



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Chartered Status - requirements

1. Must **be conversant with the SAMCODES**. It is expected that the applicant will attend at least one SAMCODE/Other training Course in a five-year CPD cycle (through the SAMCODES Standards Committee or through any other reputable training organisation)
2. Be prepared to **list their name and experience on the GSSA website as a matter of public record** (in a format prescribed by the GSSA on the Competent Person's Information Form ("CPIF")), which information must be kept current and updated by the member.
3. Be able to list **three sponsors/references** who must be able to testify as to the applicant's qualifications, experience, professionalism and ethical standing.
4. **Satisfy the GSSA Council** (or any subcommittee elected by Council) that he/she is a fit and proper person to become a Chartered Member or Fellow of the Society. Council shall be satisfied that the training, experience, degree of responsibility and ethical standing of the applicant justify such Chartered status.



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Chartered Status - applications

- Apply for recognition using supplied forms
- Re-apply every FIVE years using supplied forms
- Information publicly available on the GSSA website (Member lookup)
- Applications are FREE
- Submissions evaluated by Chartered Sub Committee (ratified through Council/Manco)
 - Chair (GSSA Past President)
 - GSSA/SSC Executives
 - SAMREC Chair (or SAMVAL/SAMOG representative)
 - GSSA representative on the SSC
 - JSE Readers Panel Chair



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