



SAIA is about to upgrade your membership

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Esteemed Member,

As we come to the close of 2019, the South African Institute of Auctioneers would like to thank you for your loyalty and support throughout the past year. Encouraged by your continued patronage, we'll keep cultivating those high standards that define our industry.

We're closing 2019 with great expectations for the year to come and would like to also take the opportunity to remind you that membership renewals are due. This process is now streamlined: everything can simply be done online, and through our communication portal where you'll find all the relevant documents.

The big news...

2020 represents a major moment in SAIA's 30-year history. Having established itself as the official voice of our auction industry, the institute is thrilled to announce that it's currently taking the final steps in becoming a fully-fledged professional body.

The move will give SAIA and its members greater market relevance and authority, and help us advance an already empowering environment of professional development and performance.

While SAIA has always been committed to offering only the best service, training and member support, this will now take on a whole new dimension as we build on our status as South Africa's leading auctioneering association.

Although there won't be any immediate, major changes with SAIA turning pro, it does require that we remodel membership designations, and as befits your work experience and level of training.

The revision of categories and fees has already been approved by members at the May 2019 AGM; we've also incorporated these adjustments in the membership renewal process.

Basically, corporate members' fees stay the same, while the only real change is with professional designations and fees affecting current, registered individual member categories.

At the AGM it was agreed on three designations – linked to length of membership, and the applicable fee:

- **Candidate auctioneer (0-3 years) – R 500 p.a.**

Auctioneers actively involved in their personal capacity in the auction industry and working toward an uninterrupted period of up to three years, after which they can become associate auctioneers once they successfully complete an online exams.

- **Associate auctioneer (4-6 years) – R 1000 p.a.**

Auctioneers working toward an uninterrupted period of 4-6 years, and prior to becoming certified auctioneers (on successful completion of an interview process).

- **Certified auctioneer (6+ years) – R 2000 p.a.**

Auctioneers who have achieved 6 years (and longer), and who consistently meet the relevant criteria.

Grading is done once a year and with membership renewal.

Corporate members will still be paying either R2 750 (if less than 10 employees) or R5500 (if more than 10). The only exception: there's no longer free membership given to a single auctioneer registered under a company's registration. And note, corporate membership is charged per registered company, and not based on its number of offices.

These fees are also separate to SAIA's new member joining fee.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is the main driver behind SAIA's success and compulsory for all members. We therefore encourage you to incorporate CPD time in your busy schedule to advance your skill set and knowledge of our industry. Please contact SAIA to find out more about the various conferences, workshops and training auctions which can add value to your CPD status.

May 2020 be a highly productive year for all our members, stakeholders, and prospective auctioneers about to enter the industry!

The South African Institute of Auctioneers – SAIA.

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