

IPET March 2020 News.

**Dear Member,**

We at IPET fully support the effort and restricted measures introduced by our President Cyril Ramaphosa to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

It is also difficult to predict the period this COVID virus will affect our people and our economy before any recovery can be expected. The best is to adhere to the best practice measures and to follow the World Health Organization recommendations inclusive of any other measures introduced by our Government.

Please refrain from sending any news as there seems to be an abundant amount of fake news about the COVID-19 virus via the various social media platforms. There is current legislation in place that can have you charged a criminal offence which could lead to a maximum imprisonment period of 6 months for spreading such fake news.

Those that are employers please ensure the safety of your employees and try to restrict in person meetings to a minimum. Also try to replace in person meetings with the use of online meeting applications.

We at IPET utilize the use of online applications and E Mail for all Council Meetings in the effort to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

If you have travelled internationally or have been in contact with an infected person or if you suspect you are infected, please do immediate self-isolation for at least 14 days and seek medical help.

For more information about COVID-19 please click on the following websites, <https://www.gov.za/Coronavirus> and <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/>.

For the members who are going away over the Easter Weekend which is from the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2020 to 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2020 drive safely and the members staying at home enjoy the rest period.

Let us be safe rather than sorry.

Chris Mynhardt  
President

#### **NEWS FROM ECSA.**

The following letter has been received by the Institute of Professional Engineering Technologists (IPET) from ECSA.

Please note that all our CPD courses are correctly validated and are above board.

For other courses offered to you we suggest that you follow the procedure below to ensure that you are not wasting your time and money on false courses.

**We pass on this information to you as a service from IPET.**

IPET Admin

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ENGINEERING COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA

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Dear Registered Stakeholder,

It has come to the attention of the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) that certain providers have been impersonating our brand on CPD activity material in order to extort money from unsuspecting ECSA registered persons.

To avoid being misled by these unscrupulous providers, please note the following:

- All activities validated for the ECSA CPD program are listed on the ECSA's website.
- The validation number of the CPD activity can be obtained from the activity provider or from the marketing material of the activity

. • The validity of the activity can be verified by visiting following link:

<https://engineeringcouncilsa.microsoftcrmportals.com/cpd-activities/>

and using the validation number in the search field.

• If no information is returned; the activity is not validated and therefore cannot be recorded under Category 1: Development Activities.

ECSA therefore respectfully request that all registered persons first confirm the validity of the CPD activity for Category 1: Developmental Activities before making payment to any activity provider.

If you require any further assistance or suspect any foul play, please call us on 0861 225 555, send an email to [engineer@ecsa.co.za](mailto:engineer@ecsa.co.za).

Yours faithfully, Carmen Wright (Ms) Manager: Education and CPD

Regards,

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