ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS PRACTITIONERS (ACRP)
CGMP & CMTP RULES OF AFFILIATION AND DESIGNATION
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Table 1-1 summarises the categories of affiliation and designation that are relevant to ACRP's *Council for General Ministry Practitioners (CGMP)* and *Council for Ministry Training Practitioners (CMTP).* It also shows the qualifications or requirements related to the different categories, the Continued Professional Development (CPD) types that are relevant to designated persons in the various categories. (The table was compiled, taking into account the type of scenarios experienced in the past while processing CGMP and CMTP affiliation applications.) Table 1-2 shows the affiliation categories relevant to the *Council for Pastoral and Spiritual Counsellors (CPSC).*

TABLE 1-1 AFFILIATION CATEGORIES RELEVANT TO CGMP AND CMTP

CGMP and CMTP affiliation category / designation level	Direct route (designation awarded via a ministry or theology qualification recognised[1] by SAQA)		Alternative route (the applicant has no SAQA recognised[1] ministry or theology qualification - designations applied for via RPL)	
	Requirement	CPD Type[2]	Requirement	CPD Type[2]
NON-DESIGNATED AFFILIATES				
1. Associated Affiliate. This category of affiliation with ACRP is for persons who are informally (i.e. not professionally / occupationally) involved in ministry, but who want to be associated with the professional body. Examples: elders or deacons, Sunday school teachers, etc who spend only a few hours per month on their ministry work; also support staff of ministry such as, for example, administrative staff; and persons with no specific ministry scope of practice who supports the ACRP objectives. This is also the temporary registration category for persons formally (occupationally) involved in ministry, who do not meet the minimum criteria yet of one of the designations as set out below.	1.1		1.2 Associated Affiliate application form, *inter alia* indicating the relationship the person has with ministry; no designation applied for; no RPL Application form: Associated affiliate	No CPD duty, but an invitation to participate in CPD programmes.
2. Student Affiliate This category of affiliation with ACRP is for students who are enrolled for a ministry or theological qualification, while not yet professionally / occupationally involved in a ministry. Note: Persons who are already functioning as pastors or occupationally involved in ministry while studying, should be affiliated with ACRP on the relevant level of designation as set out below.	2.1		2.2 Student Affiliate application form, *inter alia* providing information on the studies and intention to become involved in ministry. (**Please note:** *student affiliation* is only for students who are not yet in a formal ministry. A pastor or other person in formal ministry who are also studying has to apply for a designation on the level which fits his / her level of former training and current ministry involvement.) Application form: Student affiliate	No CPD duty; annual report on progress with studies required.

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	Requirement	**CPD Type[2]**	**Requirement /situation**	**CPD Type[2]**
DESIGNATED AFFILIATES				
3. Religious practitioner (Affiliate with Designation Level 1) This designation is awarded to persons with confirmed[3] professional / occupational involvement in ministry, while not qualifying for other levels of designation as described below.	**3.1.**		**3.2.a.** The applicant has a SAQA recognised[1] non-ministry qualification on NQF Level 2 or higher; has at least 1 year of confirmed[3] ministry experience (with own and third party confirmation). Application form: General	Structured CPD is advised, based on NQF Level 2 or 5 ministry qualification or higher, or other ACRP approved structured programme which will be followed by a qualification aligned structured CPD programme.
			3.2.b. The applicant has no SAQA recognised[1] qualification on NQF Level 2 or higher; has at least 2 years of confirmed[3] ministry experience (with own and third party confirmation). Application form: General	
			3.2.c. The applicant has submitted an application for a higher level of designation, but the requirements applying to that or another higher level of designation have not yet been met, or there is still outstanding information. Application form: General and Advanced	
			3.2.d The applicant qualifies for a higher designation via the RPL route, but has still only submitted the general application form.	
4. Advanced religious practitioner (Affiliate with Designation Level 2) This designation is awarded to persons with confirmed[3] professional / occupational involvement in ministry, with the qualifications or proven ministry experience and knowledge / experience as relevant to this designation level (see columns to the right)	**4.1.** SAQA recognised[1] ministry or theology qualification on NQF Level 2 or higher (SAQA ID 101997; 48891; or 49057) Application form: General	Elective (random) CPD	**4.2.a.** The applicant has no SAQA recognised[1] ministry qualification as required for this level, but has at least 6 years confirmed[3] ministry experience; or is the holder of a ministry relevant non-ministry qua-lification[5] on NQF Levels 2 or higher plus at least 4 years of confirmed[3] ministry experience. Application form: General and Advanced	Structured CPD is advised, based on NQF Level 2 or 5 ministry qualification or higher, or other ACRP approved structured programme which will be followed by a qualification aligned structured CPD programme.

CGMP and CMTP Registration category / designation level	Direct route (designation awarded via a ministry or theology qualification recognised[1] by SAQA)		Alternative route (no relevant SAQA recognised[1] ministry or theology qualification - Designations applied for via RPL)	
	Requirement	**CPD Type[2]**	**Requirement /situation**	**CPD Type[2]**
			4.2.b. The applicant has no SAQA recognised[1] ministry qualification; but is the holder of a non-SAQA recognised ministry qualification accepted by ACRP as adequate prior learning for this level of designation. *Limited RPL*[4] applies Application form: General and Advanced	Elective (random) CPD, with a recommendation for structured CPD or enrolment for an accredited qualification
5. Religious professional (Affiliate with Designation Level 3) This designation is awarded to persons with confirmed[3] professional / occupational involvement in ministry, with the qualifications or proven ministry experience and knowledge / experience as relevant to this designation level (see columns to the right)	**5.1**. SAQA recognised[1] ministry or theology qualification on NQF Level 5 or higher (occupational certificate, higher certificate, advanced certificate, diploma, B degree, B Hons degree or equivalent) Application form: General	Elective (random) CPD	**5.2.a**. The applicant has no SAQA recognised[1] ministry qualification as required for this level, but has at least 10 years of confirmed[3] ministry experience; or is the holder of ministry relevant non-ministry qualifica-tion[5] on NQF Levels 5 or higher, and at least 6 years of confirmed[3] ministry experience. Application form: General and Advanced	Structured CPD is advised, based on NQF Level 5 or higher ministry qualification
			5.2.b. The applicant has no SAQA recognised[1] ministry qualification, but is the holder of a non-SAQA recognised ministry qualification accepted by ACRP as adequate prior learning for this level of designation. *Limited RPL*[4] applies Application form: General and Advanced	Elective (random) CPD, with a recommendation for structured CPD or enrolment for an accredited qualification

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	Requirement	CPD Type[2]	Requirement /situation	CPD Type[2]
6. Religious specialist (Affiliate with Designation Level 4) This designation is awarded to persons with confirmed[3] professional / occupational involvement in ministry, with the qualifications or proven ministry experience and knowledge / experience as relevant to this designation level (see columns to the right)	**6.1.** SAQA recognised[1] ministry or theology qualification on NQF Level 9 or higher (Master's degree, Doctorate) Application form: General	Elective (random) CPD	**6.2.a** The applicant has no SAQA recognised[1] ministry qualification as required for this level, but has a ministry relevant non-ministry M or higher qua-lification[5] or equivalent, and at least 6 years of confirmed[3] ministry experience: Application form: General and Advanced	Structured CPD is advised, based on NQF Level 5 or higher ministry qualification
			6.2.b. The candidate has no SAQA recognised[1] ministry qualification; but is the holder of a non-SAQA recognised ministry qualification accepted by ACRP as adequate prior learning for this level of designation. *Limited RPL*[4] applies Application form: General and Advanced	Elective (random) CPD, with a recommendation for structured CPD or enrolment for an accredited qualification

[1] A "SAQA recognised qualification" is a South African qualification registered on the SAQA website or a foreign qualification that was evaluated and approved by SAQA.
[2] For description of CGMP or CMTP CPD policy and programme: see the relevant policy document on the ACRP website.
[3] Confirmed: letter of third party involved in the relevant Ministry; or confirmation by an ACRP registered intermediary.
[4] Limited RPL: Same as advanced RPL in terms of years of ministry experience etc, but the need to submit examples of ministry outputs or bridging / refresher courses is waived if the non-SAQA recognised qualification receives a positive evaluation by ACRP. (Information to enable ACRP to evaluate the qualification / training must be made available; if not available, full RPL will be required)
[5] E.g. education, psychology, social work, occupational therapy or other non-ministry qualifications which can be demonstrated as being relevant to ministry.

TABLE 1-2 AFFILIATION CATEGORIES RELEVANT TO THE
COUNCIL FOR PASTORAL AND SPIRITUAL COUNSELLORS (CPSC)

CPSC Registration / designation category	CPSC Subcategories	Requirements for direct route	RPL	CPD
Designation level	Scope of practice linked to subcategories in designated affiliation	Differentiated scope of practice for the different subcategories	General remark: RPL is applied where needed based on experience, other qualifications, years in field, other fields of expertise, information in testimonials, field of employment Contact CPSC office for more information	20 CPSC CPD points required annually. The CPSC CPD points earned by CPSC affiliates consist mainly of random CPD points as currently most designated persons in the CPSC context have been awarded the designation based on the relevant qualification and not on RPL.
Affiliate	Associated Affiliate	Involvement in ministry, support CPSC objective, no scope of practice		
Religious Practitioner	Religious Practitioner in Christian Pastoral Care	No ministry qualification. Involvement in ministry with pastoral care (RPL)		
Advanced Religious Practitioner	Advanced Religious Practitioner in Christian Pastoral Care	NQF Level 2 or 4 ministry qualification (Matric and Pastoral care course not necessarily SAQA registered)		
Religious Professional	Basic Religious Professional in Christian Pastoral Counselling Intermediate Religious Professional in Christian Pastoral Counselling Advanced Religious Professional in Christian Pastoral Counselling	NQF Level 5 or 6 Pastoral counselling NQF Level 7 Pastoral counselling focused NQF Level 8 Pastoral counselling focused		
Religious Specialist	Religious Specialist in Christian Pastoral Counselling Advanced Religious Specialist in Christian Pastoral Counselling	NQF Level 9 Pastoral counselling NQF Level 10 Pastoral counselling		