

# URBAN DESIGN INSTITUTE OF SOUTH AFRICA UDISA

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## Membership Criteria Review

>UDISA will practice an inclusive policy on

- >a professional urban designer must demonstrate core competencies
- >a professional urban designer must be subject to a code of conduct
- >there are two ways in which to become a Professional Urban Designer:

path A **conventional manner**

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 a person who has completed an accredited urban design degree  
 the degree must have a significant studio component  
 the course completed must be a minimum of 1 year in duration  
 membership committee to make a decision on application

path B **experience and vocational learning**

candidate need to demonstrate core urban design competence through the submission to membership committee to make a decision on application

applicant will be encouraged to:  
 be employed by a member for at least two years  
 obtain a letter of recommendation by a member  
 attend urban design related CPD courses

- >The remaining membership categories are in support of the aim to encourage Urban Design as a career choice and promote its value within the built environment.
- >The only membership category that will be able to independently practice Urban Design will be a Professional Urban Designer
- >A professionally registered member would have demonstrated the Core Urban Design Competencies + will abide by the Code of Conduct

## Membership Application Process

membership category	description	membership application process				
<b>Honorary Member</b>	any person with an exemplary contribution to the profession	nominated by member of UDISA	may also hold a professional UD membership		Steering Committee meets to decide	issue membership certificate
<b>Professional Urban Designer</b>	shall be a qualified urban designer who has completed an accredited UD qualification [min 1 year in duration + have a significant studio component] or has submitted a portfolio of work that has met with the approval of the Membership Committee	submit application form + certified copy of degree	degree must be a recognized UD degree with a minimum of 1 year duration + a significant studio based component	if course is not yet accredited, then provide detailed information of course	Membership Committee review application and make decision on acceptance	pay membership fee + issue membership certificate
		OR: submit application form + certified copy of degree + portfolio of work + affidavit of authorship	attach letter of recommendation from a UDISA member + proof of any CPD courses undertaken in the field of urban design	a minimum of two year's work experience in the urban design field under the mentorship of a UDISA member is recommended	Membership committee review the application + portfolio against core competencies	pay membership fee + issue membership certificate
<b>Candidate</b>	shall be any person who has completed a qualification at a tertiary institution or who is currently working in the Urban Design field	submit application form + certified copy of associated degree + portfolio of work + affidavit of authorship	portfolio reviewed by Membership Committee + candidate interviewed if required to do so by the membership committee		Membership Committee review application and make decision on acceptance	pay membership fee + issue membership certificate
<b>Student</b>	shall be a person who is a registered student at any course that could lead to an urban design degree	submit application form + proof of registration	if course is not yet accredited, then provide detailed information of course		Membership Committee review the application and make a decision on acceptance	pay membership fee + issue membership certificate
<b>Friend of UDISA</b>	shall be a non-practicing person with an interest in urban design	submit application form			Membership Committee review the application and make a decision on acceptance	pay membership fee + issue membership certificate