

Actuarial Society Update – January 2020

Key Dates for the Year – 2020

Event	Cape Town	Johannesburg	Other venue	
Seminars				
Life	8 May	5 May		
Health		21 April		
Investments		9 July		
Retirement	27 July			
Short term		28 August		
Risk mgt		6 August		
Banking		14 July		
Education				
Wider fields		11 June		
Alternative Investments		19 August		
Public interest		10 June		
Insurance data Science		20 April		
IAA meetings			Brussels Ottawa	4 - 7 May 19-23 Nov
Annual general meeting	TBC	TBC		
Convention	7-8 October			
Africa Seminar	6 October			
A1/A2 & F106 exams	14-28 April & 21 Sept – 06 Oct			
A311 exams	5-6 May & 8-9 Oct			
N211 exam	13 May & 23 Oct			
F201-F206 exams	19 May & 20 Oct			
F101-F105	27 May – 5 June & 30 Oct – 11 Nov			

The exam and seminar dates are still provisional and may be changed

Membership renewals & CPD certification

I would like to thank all members who have renewed their membership for 2020 and those who have done their CPD certification for the 2019 CPD cycle. To date 78% of all members have renewed their membership and 31% have certified their CPD. Members are reminded that a 10% surcharge is payable on all annual subscription fees not paid by 31 March.

All members are required to renew their membership annually. Please ensure that all your personal information, contact information and employment information is correct when renewing your membership.

All Fellow and Associate members are required to certify their CPD compliance annually.

Both membership renewals and CPD compliance can be accessed by logging into the ASSA website at <https://login.actuarialsociety.org.za/account/login>

ASSA offices coming alive

The first two Academy sessions have been successfully hosted in the ASSA offices – being the A311 course and the Induction session for newly employed students in Cape Town. More tuition, Academy, meetings and even sessional meetings will be hosted in the offices.



Amongst the speakers in the Induction programme was one of the architects of the Bill of Rights and retired constitutional court judge, Albie Sachs, who marked the occasion by giving us a signed copy of the Bill of Rights that will be displayed in the offices.

Scam alert

Members of ASSA working for one large employer have informed us that they have received calls from someone claiming to be from the ASSA call centre asking for the names of their senior actuarial staff for the purpose of sending them a publication.

Should you receive such a call be aware that it has not come from ASSA or anyone working on behalf of ASSA. ASSA staff will always identify themselves by name when calling any member of the Society and no one will claim to be from the ASSA call centre (which does not exist).

Work based learning

We have received many work-based learning submissions since the start of the year and there is a backlog in processing them. Even though we have employed temporary staff to help process the submissions, the processing and assessment process is time consuming and members are asked to be patient.

There are still student and TASSA member who registered for work-based skills (as it was then) before January 2015. As more than 5 years has elapsed since these members entered this 3-year programme, a transition arrangement will soon be announced to move those who have not completed their work-based skills to the current normative skills programme including the work-based learning solution.

I hope 2020 is a successful year for all ASSA members and that we can have a positive and constructive impact on the public policy and other challenges facing our profession and country.

Regards



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