

## IRF Global Credential - Road Safety Audit Team Leader



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### **IRF Global Credential for Road Safety Audit Team Leaders Now Taking Applications**

The South African Road Federation currently runs a 5 Day Road Safety Audit course which is a SANRAL requirement for a Road Safety Audit Team Leader and has been accredited by the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) with 5 Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Points, now the International Road Federation Global is making it possible for South African registered engineers and technologists who have completed the SARF Road Safety Audit course, have the relevant practical Road Safety Audit experience and passed an online examination will obtain an international accreditation as a Road Safety Audit Team Leader.

Our SARF KZN Vice-Chair, Riaan Steenkamp, recently received a Global Credential as a Road Safety Audit Team Leader from the International Road Federation. The IRF set up this programme in May 2017 as a tool to aide Road Safety Professionals worldwide in assessing their experience and quality of work against international best practise.

The process is a multi-phased that commences with an on-line application which assesses the candidates work experience and suitability for the programme. Once approved, the programme requires the candidates to review approximately 5hrs of training material presented by the IRF Executive Vice President, Mr Mike Dreznes . The material covers Road Side Safety, Safe Systems Approach, Road Safety Audit Process, Vulnerable Road Users and Work Zone Safety. Thereafter, candidates have to complete an on-line Qualifying Knowledge Exam. Once the exam has been completed, applicants upload three audit project extracts displaying their knowledge of the road safety audit principles. These project extracts are reviewed independently of the IRF and is the final process in the application.

As Riaan says, "At EscongweniBPH Engineers, we believe that having completed the IRF programme, we add further value to our road safety audit projects and to our Clients, as we now know that our application of the road safety audit process is on par with international best practise. The IRF programme is very informative as it covers the critical areas of road safety. The value of the programme for me is the knowledge share from Mike and learning from his experience together with the affirmation that the SARF road safety audit course offers us the knowledge and understanding to undertake road safety audits."

Riaan first completed the Road Safety Audit training at Stellenbosch University in 2011. SARF believes the Road Safety Audit course forms the foundation and knowledge of road safety auditing and is the base requirement from the majority of the South African Client bodies. SARF further supports the IRF Global Credential programme in on-going partnership development.

For further details on the IRF Global Credential Programme, visit [Global Credential](#)