

COET News for Apr / May 2025

Breaking and Important News.

1. COET Membership Fees for 2025.

Please note that fees were due in January. Invoices have been sent to all members. Another batch of reminder invoices will be sent out soon. To those of you who have paid we say a great thank you. You are stars! To those who have not paid we ask that you check and pay soon. If you are unsure of the amount, or have any other queries, please E Mail us stating your name and membership number and query so we can check and advise you of the status.

Unfortunately some members pay but don't supply names and invoice numbers and it becomes impossible for us to identify whose account has been paid. This applies to companies who pay but don't indicate the member that they are paying for!

Thanks for your co-operation.

No 2. ECSA Annual Fees.

With regard to ECSA Annual fees which were due in April, we have been told that the invoices sent out do not show the discount given to our members as a separate amount. ***The ECSA invoice however does show the correct discounted total figure.***

The ECSA annual fee is **R5713 (up from last year's 4480)** and for our members the fee is **R4982 (up from last years fee of R3800)** with a further discount of **R100** for early payment. Thus if ECSA registered and a member in good standing of IPET, the **discount amounts to R 731 (up from last years R680)** This discount which ECSA calls a exemption is more that the IPET annual fee!

So you get both ECSA and COET for the price of less than the normal ECSA fee! (And some Rands change)!

If you pay ECSA before 30 June they will allow a further discount of R250.

Candidate figures are full fee R 2028, discounted fee R2310 with a R100 off for early payment.

BUT,

As Vat is about to increase the fees above are only valid until 30 April 2025

Thereafter the fees may change.

The full notice can be seen on the ECSA Website www.ecsa.co.za

**3. This item is a repeat of the news sent to all members in December 2024.
Please read it!**

Important News concerning ECSA discounts.

Dec 2024.

Please note that, as per the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) request and requirements, COET has sent a list of all COET members to ECSA as at end of November 2024.

As required the list indicates which members are in good standing (paid up) and which are not in good standing (In arrears, resigned, deceased).

ECSA may use this information in determining which members are allowed the annual ECSA discount next year (2025). Kindly note that ECSA may disallow ECSA discount for 2025 to members who are in arrears with their IPET fees.

Please note that COET is not allowed to back date any payments received for arrears after 30 November 2024 and thus cannot change the list already supplied to ECSA. COET year fees are normally much less than the ECSA discount given on their annual ECSA fee to COET members. This means you get two for one and some change! This is surely a good deal.

We wish you a good seasonal break and a successful new year.
COET Admin.

Other News.

4. New ECSA CPD Rules.

The following letter received from ECSA.

Subject: Distribution of the revised CPD Rules CRM:0335482

Dear Valued Stakeholder,

We are writing to inform you that the revised Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and Renewal of Registration Rules (Revision 5) have been officially gazetted as Board Notice 677 of 2024 and are effective immediately. This significant update reflects our ongoing commitment to maintaining the highest standards within the engineering profession.

What You Need to Know:

1. Key Changes in the Rules:

- The revised rules provide updated guidance on CPD activities required for annual and cycle compliance.
- Rule 8 of the CPD Rules outlines the specific requirements, helping you better understand the steps necessary to maintain your professional registration.

2. Your Responsibility:

- As a registered person, you must ensure your CPD activities align with these updated rules. This includes planning and tracking your CPD activities to meet the annual and cycle requirements.

3. Support and Resources:

- The gazette of the revised CPD rules is available here: <https://shorturl.at/20p7G>
- For further information, please contact on engineer@ecsa.co.za or 0861 225 555.

Thank you for your continuous support and cooperation.

Kind regards,
ECSA's Communications Team

5. ECSA | Normalising the 5-year CPD Cycle for Registered Persons

What has changed?

As per Section 22(1) of the Engineering Profession Act, registered persons must apply to ECSA in the appropriate manner for the renewal of their registration at least three (3) months before their initial professional or specified category registration expires. Should the registered person neglect to renew his/her registration the Council will have no alternative but to refuse and cancel the registered person's registration. No renewal due will be held in abeyance for longer than ninety (90) days.

The renewal cycle is hereby confirmed as being a five (5) year term, which means that all persons whose registration cycle commenced in the 2022 year and later, will have to submit the requisite number of CPD credits within 5 years from the commencement date.

6. Why CPD Training Courses are crucial

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is a fundamental part of any career within all engineering disciplines. It ensures engineers keep up to date by improving their skills & knowledge regularly.

The **Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA)** states that all members of professional engineering institutions within the engineering sector have obligations to undertake **CPD**. One of the main functions of the professional engineering bodies is to support the improvement & development of their members.

IPET works alongside **ECSA** to advise **CPD** by providing guidance, resources and training programmes through various IPET verified Service Providers..

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AN ECSA MEMBER TO ATTEND CPD TRAINING COURSES.

“There is no wealth like knowledge, no poverty like ignorance.”

Ali ibn Abi Talib

7. AGM elections.

COET New Executive committee.

At the AGM held on 19 March 2025 the following members were elected for the period 2025 /2026.

Chairperson	D Havenga	2007120038
Vice Chairperson	R Ledwaba	2010120091
Vice Chairperson	B Raphoto	201712001
Treasurer	P Moncur	200130010
Secretary	V Nel	200130003
Past Chairperson	C Boonzaier	201112071

The new Council is as shown below.

All the Executive members shown above'

Plus;

G Smith

G Texeira

D Fourie

L Pascal

F Saayman

TB Khanyile

8. Annual Audit.

Our books for the financial year ending 30 December 2024 were delivered to our Auditor, Mr M McIntyre, Chartered Accountant SA at the end of January. The audited statements have not yet been received from him.

9. UJ the top university for engineering and technology in South Africa (January 26, 2025).

The University of Johannesburg (UJ) has been recognised as the best institution of higher education in South Africa for studying engineering and computer science. This is according to the 2025 Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject. These rankings by subject reflect excellence in research and education worldwide. The latest edition of the independent comparative rankings also shows that UJ remains number #1 in South Africa for Business and Economics and Physical Sciences.

These rankings highlight the University's commitment to research and teaching in key areas, solidifying its position as a leading institution of higher education in South Africa and internationally. UJ has over the years firmly established itself as the leading university that offers cutting-edge curricula tailored for the jobs of the future. The subject rankings use the same trusted and rigorous performance indicators as the *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings 2025, but the methodology has been recalibrated to suit the disciplines.

In Engineering, for instance, the rankings evaluate universities across five core disciplines:

- General Engineering,
- Electrical Engineering
- Electronic Engineering,
- Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering,
- Civil and Chemical Engineering.

This year's Engineering rankings include 1,488 institutions from 97 countries and territories, which have been assessed based on 18 rigorous performance indicators.

The Computer Science Rankings, on the other hand, evaluates excellence across areas such:

- Software Development and Engineering
- Artificial intelligence and Machine Learning
- Data Science and Analytics
- Information Systems
- Cybersecurity and Networks
- Theoretical Computing

This comprehensive Computer Science assessment ranks 1,122 institutions from 83 countries and territories. The table is based on 18 rigorous performance indicators, which have been calibrated to assess university performance in computing and digital technologies.

No 10. Snippets.

The following mini articles, notices and news follow the trend of interesting scientific, engineering developments and general interest items that we come across. Read and enjoy!

Please feel free to contribute by sending your items to share with our members!

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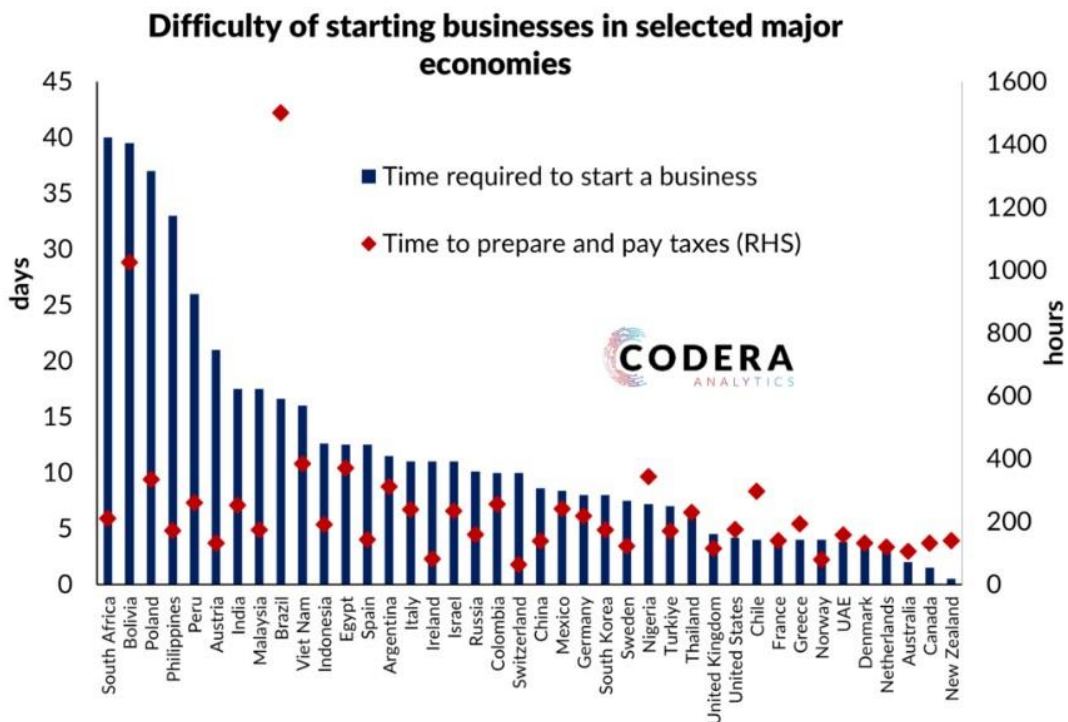
[Your parents were right](#) .

Music is quantitatively getting dumber, and nobody seems to know why. A study using network science has shown that the intricacy of 20,000 musical pieces over 400 years gradually became less complex over time. One listen of “My Humps” may be enough to convince even the most cynical Gen Alpha and their gucci playlist.

Money and Records Tip.

Always forward HR documents and banking stuff to your private E mail address. When you leave a company, you lose access to your company e mail and there goes your paper trail.

No Wonder the economy and job creation is stagnant!!



Source: World Bank, most recent estimates

Phishing and Scams.

We’re seeing a noticeable increase in phishing attempts targeting local businesses. Many of these emails appear to come from trusted sources and use urgent, legal-sounding subject lines such as:

- “New Court Order Notification”
- “Urgent Legal Action Required”
- “Your Summons is Attached”

These emails often contain malicious links or attachments designed to steal credentials or install malware.

What to do:

- Do not click on any suspicious links or download unexpected attachments.
- Verify the sender by checking their email address carefully.
- Report suspicious emails to your IT team or service provider immediately.
- If you are not sure, do nothing.

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