



The Southern African Institute Of Tribology
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Terms and Conditions

The Southern African Institute of Tribology (SAIT) NPC

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1. Introduction and Acceptance

These Terms and Conditions ("Terms") govern your access to and use of the website www.sait.org.za (the "Site"), and your relationship with The Southern African Institute of Tribology, a non-profit company incorporated under the laws of the Republic of South Africa ("SAIT", "we", "us", or "our").

By accessing the Site, applying for membership, registering for an event or training course, or otherwise using our services, you ("you", "user", or "member") agree to be bound by these Terms. If you do not agree, please do not use the Site or our services.

2. About SAIT

SAIT is a non-profit company (NPC) established to:

- Promote the transfer of information and technology related to tribology in Southern Africa;
- Promote the development of local expertise to solve tribological problems specific to the region;
- Establish and maintain contact with tribology groups and societies internationally;
- Stimulate research and development in tribology; and
- Promote the professional status of tribology.

As an NPC, SAIT operates on a not-for-profit basis. Any income generated (including membership contributions, training, and event fees) is applied solely towards furthering SAIT's objectives and is not distributed as profit to members, directors, or officers.

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3. Membership

3.1 Voluntary Contributions

SAIT does not charge fixed compulsory membership fees. Instead, members make a reasonable voluntary annual financial contribution as indicated at the time of application. SAIT reserves the right to review and update suggested contribution amounts periodically.

3.2 Application and Acceptance

Membership applications are subject to review and acceptance by SAIT. SAIT reserves the right to accept or decline any application at its discretion, and to request additional information to verify eligibility.

3.3 Member Benefits

Membership benefits may include, but are not limited to, access to member-only content, participation in conferences and events, and networking opportunities. Benefits are subject to change and are described in more detail on the Site.

3.4 Member Conduct

Members must act in good faith and in a manner consistent with SAIT's professional and ethical standards. SAIT reserves the right to suspend or terminate membership where a member:

- Provides false or misleading information in their application;
- Fails to honour agreed financial contributions;
- Engages in conduct that damages SAIT's reputation or objectives; or
- Breaches these Terms.

3.5 Renewal and Termination

Membership is renewed annually. Members may resign at any time by written notice to SAIT. No refund of contributions already made will be provided upon resignation or termination, except at SAIT's discretion.



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4. Training, Courses, and Certification

4.1 Course Enrolment

Enrolment in SAIT training courses (e.g., Lubrication Engineering courses, CLS exam preparation) is subject to availability and payment of applicable fees.

4.2 No Guarantee of Certification Outcome

Where SAIT facilitates or refers members to third-party certification exams (such as the Certified Lubrication Specialist (CLS) exam administered by STLE), SAIT does not guarantee a pass or any particular outcome. Recommended preparation, study materials, and reading lists are provided as guidance only, and successful certification remains the responsibility of the candidate.

4.3 Course Materials

Course materials provided by SAIT are for the personal use of the enrolled participant only and may not be reproduced, distributed, or shared without SAIT's prior written consent.

4.4 Cancellations and Rescheduling

SAIT reserves the right to reschedule or cancel courses due to insufficient enrolment or other operational reasons, and will make reasonable efforts to notify registered participants in advance.

5. Events and Conferences

Registration for SAIT conferences, seminars, and events (such as the International Tribology Conference or Annual General Meeting) may be subject to separate registration terms, fees, and cancellation policies published for that specific event. Where there is a conflict between event-specific terms and these Terms, the event-specific terms will prevail for that event.

6. Member-Only Content and Website Access

6.1 Restricted Areas

Certain areas of the Site are restricted to registered, paid-up members. Access credentials (username/password) are personal to the member and may not be shared with or transferred to any third party.

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6.2 Account Security

You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your login credentials and for all activity that occurs under your account. Notify SAIT immediately of any unauthorised use of your account.

6.3 Suspension of Access

SAIT may suspend or terminate access to member-only content where a member's contribution is outstanding, or where these Terms have been breached.

7. Intellectual Property

7.1 Ownership

All content on the Site — including text, graphics, logos, publications, course materials, and the SAIT name and mission statement — is the property of SAIT or its licensors and is protected by South African and international intellectual property laws, unless otherwise indicated.

7.2 Limited Licence

You are granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable licence to view and use content on the Site for personal, non-commercial purposes, or as otherwise expressly permitted for members. No content may be reproduced, republished, or distributed commercially without SAIT's prior written consent.

8. VLS-SA and Affiliated Initiatives

Where SAIT operates or proposes affiliated initiatives (such as Verification of Lubricant Specifications South Africa ("VLS-SA")), participation in such initiatives may be subject to separate rules and codes of conduct, including confidentiality obligations regarding information submitted for investigation of market claims. Members participating in such initiatives agree to act in good faith, avoid anti-competitive conduct, and maintain confidentiality as required by the specific initiative's rules.



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9. Payments

9.1 Fees

Membership contributions, training fees, and event fees are payable in South African Rand (ZAR) and are inclusive of VAT where applicable, as indicated at the point of application or registration.

9.2 Payment Processing

Online payments may be processed via third-party payment providers. SAIT is not responsible for any errors, delays, or issues arising from third-party payment processing systems.

9.3 Refunds

Except as otherwise stated for a specific event or course, fees and contributions are non-refundable once paid.

10. Disclaimers and Limitation of Liability

10.1 Information Provided "As Is"

Content on the Site, including technical, training, and industry information, is provided for general informational purposes only and does not constitute professional, engineering, or technical advice specific to your circumstances. You should seek independent professional advice before relying on any information for a specific technical application.

10.2 No Warranty

SAIT makes no warranties, express or implied, as to the accuracy, completeness, or reliability of information on the Site, and disclaims liability for any errors or omissions.

10.3 Limitation of Liability

To the maximum extent permitted by South African law, SAIT, its directors, officers, employees, and volunteers shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, or consequential loss or damage arising from your use of the Site, membership, or participation in SAIT events or courses.

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10.4 Third-Party Links and Content

The Site may contain links to third-party websites or reference third-party organisations (e.g., STLE, AIST). SAIT is not responsible for the content, accuracy, or practices of such third parties.

11. Privacy and Cookies

Your use of the Site is also governed by SAIT's Privacy Policy, which explains how we collect, use, and protect personal information in compliance with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (POPIA). The Site uses cookies to enhance functionality; by using the Site, you consent to the use of cookies as described in our cookie notice. Please refer to our Privacy Policy for full details.

12. Code of Conduct

Members and users are expected to engage respectfully with fellow members, SAIT staff, and volunteers, and to uphold the professional and ethical standards of the tribology profession, including honesty in representing qualifications, affiliations, and product claims.

13. Amendments to These Terms

SAIT reserves the right to amend these Terms at any time. Updated Terms will be posted on the Site with a revised "Last updated" date. Continued use of the Site or membership following such changes constitutes acceptance of the updated Terms.

14. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

These Terms are governed by the laws of the Republic of South Africa. Any disputes arising from these Terms or your use of the Site shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the South African courts.

15. Contact Us

For any questions regarding these Terms, please contact:

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