

The best of the best in energy engineering in 2013

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Recognition for experience and expertise in the energy industry in Southern Africa is made possible by the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) Certification and training programmes which are presented by the local approved training partner of the AEE, the Energy Training Foundation (EnTF), affiliated training provider of the Southern African Association for Energy Efficiency (SAEE).

Over the past 11 years the EnTF has trained 2,287 candidates in the various energy disciplines in the AEE Certification programmes which have become appreciated for the high level of requirements to prove sufficient competency in the energy engineering industry. To become Certified candidates have to attend the full training session held at any of the various venues around the country, write the prescribed AEE examination within the set allocated time, attain a pass mark of no less than 70%, whereafter application can be made to the AEE to become a Certified Professional with a qualification that is recognised world-wide. Certification is granted to persons that have vast amounts of experience, or an existing technical, business, architectural or similar degree, together with at least 3-4 years' experience. Once the qualification is received, re-Certification is required every three years to ensure AEE Professionals maintain the required proficiency in their discipline.

Needless to say, achieving at the top of such a high standard can truly be acclaimed to be the best of the best in the class of 2013, out of just under 400 trainees for the year. Each year the SAEE, the local chapter of the US-based Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) recognises the students that performed the best in AEE examinations and are proud to congratulate the following winners for 2013:

- **SAEE Top Certified Energy Manager (CEM) Student 2013**
Joschka Thilo from Terra Firma
- **SAEE Top Certified Measurement and Verification Professional (CMVP) Student 2013**
Daniel Booyens from Cyber Consulting
- **SAEE Top Certified Energy Auditor (CEA) Student 2013**
James Migwi from Copalcor

AEE training programmes are now active in every single continent in the world, encompassing 89 countries and the CMVP training material has been translated into 5 additional languages. The AEE, together with all its training partners have been actively creating Legends in Energy for 36 years.

EnTF will be presenting AEE training programmes in Johannesburg, Cape Town, East London, Durban and Kenya in 2014.

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ABOUT: Criteria for SAE Top Student Awards

Awards are adjudicated according to the following criteria:

- 1) A top student in each of the AEE Certification disciplines is recognised annually.*
- 2) The highest score achieved by an individual is considered the top performer.*
- 3) The year of the award is the calendar year in which the examination was written, ie. January-December of each year.*
- 4) An individual need not apply for Certification, or need not have received Certification from the AEE, selection is based on the examination score alone.*
- 5) Re-writes are not considered, top students are selected from the first examination attempt by the individual.*

Awards will be announced and handed out at the Annual Certification Ceremony to be held in November of each year. Should a top student not be in attendance at the Annual Certification Ceremony, the award will be posted after the Ceremony has taken place. The Award takes the form of a trophy from the SAE and a certificate recognising the achievement from the EnTF for documentation and CV purposes.

The SAE, AEE and the EnTF will not enter into correspondence regarding the selections of Top Performers and the decisions at the time of the Ceremony are final.

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