

ALLIED PROFESSIONALS

Currently, the list of disciplines in our Association that are Allied Professionals comprises Project Managers, Environmental Consultants, Interior Designers, and Property Valuers. The summaries below outline the benefits of hiring professionals in these fields.

PROJECT MANAGERS

By hiring an AESAP registered professional Project Manager, Clients stand to gain a process drive approach to their project, regardless of size and/or complexity.

They offer strategic planning, prepare project execution plans & programmes, administer construction contracts, and manages stakeholders. Here's a more detailed look at the benefits:

1. Strategic Planning:

- Brings creative project solutions that informs the Project Brief.
- Prepares Strategic Programme accounting for statutory approvals (i.e., building permit, environmental compliance, design development, procurement, construction monitoring and project close-out).
- Advises on procurement strategy.

2. Management of Project Execution Plan & Programme:

- Guides the application for statutory approvals – i.e., building permit, environmental compliance, etc.
- Puts consultancy agreements in place for the appointment of the other consultancy services.
- Coordinates the design development by the various Consultants.
- Manages the tendering process, including tender evaluations.
- Finalizes contract negotiations and contract signing with Contractor(s).

3. Contract Administration:

- Administers the Contract between the Client and Contractor to ensure both parties meet their contractual obligations.
- Evaluates and prepares determinations for requests for evaluations by either contracting party (i.e., Client and Contractor).
- Manages contractual documentation for both record keeping and project handover.

4. Stakeholder Management:

- Assists Clients with stakeholder management.
- Makes presentations or attend meetings with potential Funders.
- Liaises with City Councils and/or Community Leaders during applications for statutory approvals.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

An AESAP registered professional Environmental Consultant drives the compliance with requirements by the Eswatini Environmental Authority (EEA) for various projects accounting for its size and complexity.

The scope for Environmental Consultants varies from simple monitoring compliance to health and safety and waste management during construction to preparation & compliance monitoring with complex environmental studies (e.g., Hydrology, Fauna, Geology for mine projects, etc).

Below is a more detailed outline the benefits for hiring a professional Environmental Consultant:

1. Compliance with Environmental Authority:

- Prepares environmental compliance documentation in line with Project Brief to place and obtain environmental approval from EEA.
- Conducts environmental studies of the project site that are incorporated into Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Continuous Monitoring Plan (CMP).
- Issues periodic Project Compliance Reports to EEA.

2. Continuous Monitoring & Handover:

- Inspects works onsite during construction for compliance with CMP.
- Attends period project site meetings (usually biweekly) to report on state of compliance of works onsite.
- Submits inspections report confirming compliance and/or listing findings for the contractor to address.
- Liaise with EEA for periodic and ad hoc inspections of works onsite.
- Ensures Contractor complies to environmental requirements, especially regarding waste management, rehabilitation of the site, etc., during the demobilization from the site and project handover.

INTERIOR DESIGNERS

Professional Interior Designers offer services that complement the building architecture. Their services focus on the look and feel of the interior finishes, which includes works such as tiling, furniture, equipment, signage, artworks, etc.

The benefits that Clients gain by hiring a professional Interior Designers includes:

1. Material Selection:

- Prepares finishes schedules for the selection of material for interior finishes fitting of the desired look & feel for the facility.
- Advises on material selection based on quality and budget.
- If needed, verifies selected material at the manufacturers prior to shipping.

2. Supervision of Installation and Handover:

- Supervises works onsite during installation for conforming to approved designs and finishes schedules.
- Attends period project site meetings (usually biweekly) to report on state of completion of works onsite.
- Submits inspections report confirming progress and listing findings for the contractor to address.
- Liaise with project team, especially, Architect and Contractor, for inspections and completion of works onsite.

PROPERTY VALUERS

An AESAP registered professional Property Valuers ensures compliance with the Local Authority Act. Property Valuers offers their services to both commercial and residential properties.

These services are valuable to Clients, especially when planning development projects because the valuations factor into the investment and return on investment analysis for the proposed project(s).

The benefits for hiring a professional Property Valuer are outlined below:

1. Property Valuation Reports:

- Produces property valuation reports for commercial and residential property to secure home loans and/or development funding from financial institutions.

2. Professional Advice:

- Advises Clients, especially in commercial development projects, factor property value into financial model.
- Assists Clients understand the relationship between property value and cost of construction.
- Liaise with stakeholders, e.g., banks, municipalities, etc regarding property valuations.