



Frequently Asked Questions

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What is SAWIS?

The South African Waste Information System (SAWIS) is a system used by government and industry to capture routine data on the tonnages of waste generated, recycled and disposed of in South Africa on a monthly and annual basis. The SAWIS was established in terms of Section 60 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act 59 of 2008). The South African Waste Information Centre (SAWIC) is the landing page. Once users register, through the [central registry](#), access is gained to the SAWIS for data submission and reporting purposes.

Who should register on SAWIS?

In terms of the National Waste Information Regulations (2012), any person conducting an activity in Annexure 1 of the Regulations, must register on SAWIS.

Where can I obtain a copy of the National Waste Information Regulations?

A copy of the National Waste Information Regulations (2012) can be obtained from the SAWIS (<http://sawic.environment.gov.za/?menu=13>) along with other Waste Legislation, including the National Environmental Management Waste Act (Act 59 of 2008).



How do I register on SAWIS?

Click on the Central Registry link on the SAWIC website, after selecting the registration type, complete the registration form and submit for approval.



How do I search for facilities registered on SAWIS?

Click on the "[Search Registration](#)" function on the central registry home page, fill in the required field/s and run a search.

I have forgotten my password to Central Registry/SAWIS. How can I login?

Click on forgotten password under the SAWIS login fields and click on forgotten password. Enter the required information and your password will be sent to you via email. If you are still unable to login, you may request for assistance by sending an email to sawic@environment.gov.za.

Can Waste Generators be registered on SAWIC / Central Registry?

Only Hazardous waste generators (including HCRW generators) which generate more than 20kg of hazardous waste per day calculated monthly as a daily average can be registered on SAWIS Central Registry. Refer to Annexure 1 of the National Waste Information Regulations, 2012 for activities that are required to be registered on SAWIS.

Can I register as waste transporters on SAWIC Central Registry?

Currently Waste transporters are not required to register on SAWIC Central Registry but section 60 (3) of the waste act (59 of 2008) makes provisions for the national waste information systems to be implemented incrementally, in future waste transporters may be required to register on SAWIC Central Registry.

Is SAWIS the only system used to store, verify, analyse, evaluate and provide data and information on the management of waste?

According to Section 62 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act 59 of 2008), an MEC may establish a provincial waste information system. Such a system must at least include the information required by the national information system. Currently only the Gauteng Provincial Waste Information system (www.gwis.gpg.gov.za) and the Western Cape Provincial Waste Information System (IPWIS) (<http://IPWIS.pgwc.gov.za>) have been established. Relevant waste information that is captured and uploaded onto the provincial systems feed into the SAWIS for national reporting purposes.

My company name has changed. How can I get a certificate of registration that reflects the new name?

You may send a request to sawic@environment.gov.za



What is the difference between a SAWIS certificate of registration and a Waste Management Licence?

The SAWIS certificate of registration is issued once an activity has been registered with the South African Waste Information System. The certificate does not exempt holders from complying with chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 2008 (Act No 59 of 2008) and other applicable legislation. Registration is an online process which may take a few minutes to apply for.

A Waste Management Licence must be applied for where a person wishes to commence, undertake or conduct an activity listed in the [list of waste management activities](#), which have, or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the environment. A basic assessment or scoping and environmental impact reporting process must be undertaken, depending on the category of activity triggered. The Waste Management Licence does not exempt holders from the requirement to register on SAWIS, where applicable, in terms of the National Waste Information Regulations (2012).

Where can I get the current list of waste activities listed in terms of Section 19 of the National Environmental Management waste Act 2008 (no. 59 of 2008)?

The list can be obtained from the South African Waste Information Centre, under "Waste Policy and Regulation".

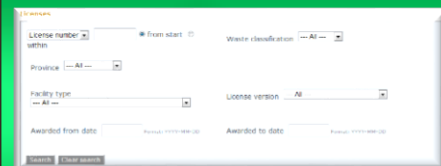


Where can I obtain an application for Waste Management Licence?

Where the Minister is the Licensing Authority, an application form for licensing can be downloaded from the South African Waste Information Centre under the folder "Waste Authorisations" and the sub-folder "waste licensing".

Where can a list of authorised waste management facilities be obtained? Can a copy of a waste management licence be accessed?

A list of all authorised sites may be obtained from the South African Waste Information Centre under the folder "Licenses". A waste licence can be obtained directly from the licence holder or can be viewed or downloaded on SAWIC.



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