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B-BBEE explained— The Use of Affidavits

The use of Affidavits within B-BBEE transactions may be confusing to many.

The intention of sworn affidavits to confirm BEE compliance is to save small businesses the costs of obtaining a SANAS verified certificate.

An affidavit is an important document. A person who makes an untruthful statement in an affidavit is guilty of perjury and can be prosecuted.

Key principle 2.6 of the BEE Amended Codes states: *“Any representation made by an Entity about its B-BBEE compliance must be supported by suitable evidence or documentation. A Measured Entity that does not provide evidence or documentation supporting any initiative must not receive any recognition for that initiative.”*

Any BEE certificate or sworn affidavit must have supporting evidence, or at least supporting evidence should be available. In the context of an EME or QSE, the entity may need a letter from their professional Financial Accountant confirming the turnover and black ownership levels, or any other suitable evidence.

Five current affidavits are permitted within the B-BBEE Act and have been listed below for your convenience.

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Affidavit-EME-Generic

Affidavit-EME-Specialised Entity

Affidavit-QSE-Generic

Affidavit-QSE-Specialised Entity

Construction Sector Codes - EME Affidavit

Contact BEE Ratings—SA at your earliest convenience for an appointment.