

## **CRITERIA THAT THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL (DG) MAY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN DECIDING WHETHER TO REGISTER A FIRE PROTECTION OFFICER**

Please note: the DG is under no legal obligation to take the following considerations into account in making his or her decision. These are simply guidelines that the Department has drafted to give an example of criteria that may be used by the DG. DWAF reserves the right to change this guideline without notice.

Criteria that may be used are:

- whether the curriculum vitae or the testimony of the referees or both confirm that the proposed fire protection officer has or will within a reasonable time have—
  - adequate knowledge of veldfire conditions, behaviour and control within the area of the fire protection association (FPA);
  - adequate skills and experience in the management and fighting of veldfires;
  - certified qualifications appropriate to the level of veldfire risk within the area of the FPA;
  - previous experience in managing firefighting resources appropriate to the needs of the FPA;
  - experience in the technologies of veldfire management appropriate to the level of veldfire risk within the area of the FPA;
  - proven co-ordination, command and control skills appropriate to the needs of the FPA;
  - proven negotiation and facilitation skills appropriate to the needs of the FPA;
  - whether there is any substantive objection to the appointment of the fire protection officer;
  - the nature and level of support that the FPA will receive from an umbrella association or other sources; and
  - any other relevant information.