

Advanced Geotechnics

Limit States and Reliability-based design



A block release course over 5 days 26-30 June 2017



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Prerequisites

Attendees are expected to have an understanding of bearing capacity and settlement calculations for foundations and piles, and of earth pressures on retaining structures at an undergraduate level.

Course Objectives

The objective of this course is to provide an understanding of:

- ◆ Basic reliability concepts with an introduction to Monte Carlo simulation First Order Reliability Methods
- ◆ Reliability basis of Limit States Design
- ◆ Limit state design of geotechnical structures using SANS 10160-5
- ◆ Application of STR limit state to design of foundations
- ◆ Application of First Order Reliability Methods (FORM) in geotechnical design

Course Outcomes

At the end of the course, the participants should be able to:

- ◆ Appreciate the existence of geotechnical uncertainties necessitating the use of a semi-probabilistic limit state design approach
- ◆ Understand the basic reliability concepts
- ◆ Understand the general basis of limit state design as per SANS 10160-1
- ◆ Understand the basis of geotechnical design as per SANS 10160-5
- ◆ Apply the requirements of SANS 10160 to spread footings, piles and retaining structures
- ◆ Apply FORM to geotechnical design problems with a closed form solution.

Course Fees: R4 500.00 CPD: 5

Registered PG students: R 1000.00

Applications close: 19 June 2017

Course Assessment

Participants attending the course for degree purposes will be assessed by means of a design assignment and a written open-book examination as follows:

- ◆ Design assignment: 50%
- ◆ Examination: 50%

Course Material

Attendees will be provided with a complete set of all presentations in hardcopy and electronic format. Supplementary reading and specimen spreadsheets will be provided electronically.

All attendees are expected to have access to a copy of SANS 10160-1 and SANS 10160-5.

Attendees should bring their own laptops for tutorial sessions.

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REGISTRATION FORM

26—30 June 2017

Please note there is also an online registration process. Link will be sent once this form has been received

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Please read and sign below

Cancellations will be accepted in writing and without penalty, up to 5 working days prior to commencement of the course. Participants cancelling in writing less than 5 working days prior to commencement of the course will be liable for a 50% cancellation fee. Following registration without attendance and without written cancellation, delegates will be held responsible for the full course cost.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION AS STIPULATED ABOVE

SIGNATURE: _____

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