

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY

2025

The logo is a circular emblem with a teal border. Inside the circle, there are four concentric, curved lines in purple, green, yellow, and red, each ending in a small dot of the same color. The text "Pest Control Industries Training Academy" is centered within the circle, with "(NPC)" in smaller text below it.

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PEST CONTROL OPERATOR TECHNICAL TRAINER

Are you a Pest Control Operator with a passion for training? Join our dynamic team and help us shape the future!

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: 28 FEBRUARY 2025

Responsibilities

- Facilitate practical training sessions for students in Pest Control, focusing on structural pest control and invasive plant management
- Manage the supervision, progression, and development of students during their training
- Develop and deliver successful training programs that help students succeed in their careers

Requirements

- Valid Pest Control Operator (P-Number)
- 5 years of experience in the Pest Control field
- Qualified in Structural Pest Control and Alien Weeds & Invasive Plants

Please email your CV to

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PCITA is a reputable training organisation, which will maintain an independent and credible position within the pest management industry providing high-quality, industry standard training programmes at competitive prices to existing and potential customers. The Pest Control Training Academy is committed to establish an ongoing strategic planning process by which the needs are to offer high industry standard training. PCITA is associated with registered, experienced training facilitators and qualified registered Assessors of high esteem in all regions.

Training is key to Professional Pest Management!

These courses are designed to meet the needs of those new to Pest Control and experienced Individuals looking to upgrade their skills. PCITA is accredited with AgriSETA NUMBER:

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**Structural Health &
Nuisance (Gauteng)**

**Assessor: Matthys de
Beer**



**Structural Health &
Nuisance (Durban)**

Assessor: Sue Alcock



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**Food Safety (HACCP)
(Gauteng)**

**Assessor: Matthys de
Beer**



**Weed and Alien
Invader Plant
(Gauteng)**
**Assessor: Anzelle van
Niekerk**



FEBRUARY 2025 COURSES



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05-07 FEB STRUCTURAL HEALTH & NUISANCE -KZN-GP

10-12 FEB WEED CONTROL: 10% DISCOUNT - GP

12-14 FEB STRUCTURAL HEALTH & NUISANCE -CPT

18 FEB PEST AUDIT -MS TEAMS

19-21 FEB FUMIGATION - KZN

26-28 FEB STRUCTURAL HEALTH & NUISANCE - MS TEAMS

26-28 FEB FUMIGATION - CPT



This is an online platform where you can do the course in your own time over a period of time (30 days). Training material, videos and answer section is available. Attendance Certificate will be received after completing the course.

STRUCTURAL HEALTH & NUISANCE	R4 500
WEED AND ALIEN INVADER PLANT	R4 800
PRE/POST CONSTRUCTION TERMITICIDE APPLICATION	R3 500
FOOD SAFETY (HACCP)	R2 300
SOP FOR CLEANING & DISINFECTING	R1 300
MANAGING CONFLICT IN THE WORKPLACE	R1 500
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY	R2 200

NQF5 DISTANCE LEARNING THEORY & PRACTICAL



**FUMIGATION
MANAGEMENT**



**HEALTH & NUISANCE
PEST MANAGEMENT**



**WEED INVADER
PLANT MANAGEMENT**



**WOOD DESTROYING
ORGANISMS
MANAGEMENT**



HARVESTER TERMITES *HODOTERMITIDAE*

By: Johan Fourie

I have been working in the Wood-Destroying (WDO) inspection industry for more than 15 years. My service areas include the Cape Peninsula and the Boland Winelands. I have been noticing more and more Harvester termites invading homes, factories and business premises with their activities, entering these properties through cracks, weep holes, electrical DB boards, socket outlets, skirting's, doorframes and sub-floors. They excavate timber in their way and in some instances also destroy the timber.

During Wood Destroying Organism (WDO) inspections, some inspectors include Harvester termites, while other neglects to report them. This results in double standards in the industry, which leads to home buyers being very unhappy once they move into their homes and finding Harvester termite activity, even though a WDO Clearance Certificate had been issued. This result being associated and blamed for incomplete services rendered in the industry. As Chairman: SAPCA Western Cape I have been involved with numerous complaints regarding this from unhappy home buyers. I have seen frustrated WDO Inspectors struggling with these double standards on handling Harvester Termites, this again resulting in a poor reflection on the industry itself.

Because of added pressure from home buyers, WDO Inspectors and some Transferring Attorneys allow properties to be treated against Harvester Termite infestation prior to transfer. The WDO Inspectors in the Western and Southern Cape therefore mandated me as Chairperson in the Western Cape to investigate and to look into an all inclusive policy on handling Harvester termites in an effective and professional manner. In this regard I consulted with Entomologists, Chemical suppliers and trusted and competent WDO inspectors in the Western-, Southern- and Eastern Cape. Jaco Scheepers, Rentokill Entomologist: Cape Town comments in this regard: "It is true that Harvester termites forage for grass and twigs, but an argument can still be made that they are wood-destroying organisms." Jaco says it is an extremely common occurrence, especially in the Western Cape, for Harvester termites to surface inside a residence, coming up behind a skirting board and coming into contact with wood, excavating timber and taking it back to the nest. He explains: "Harvester termites push up a lot of moist soil, also causing wood to rot, introducing fungal spores to wood, which can lead to wood decay. Harvester termites may not attack wood directly, however, they can cause damage to wood, when they come into contact with it." This evidence of the habitant change or Harvester termites compels us to

change our perspective on them in the WDO Inspection Industry.

More and more houses in the Western, Southern and Eastern Cape are being invaded by Harvester termites, causing damage to joinery, door frames and other timber. SAPCA is in the process of including Harvester termites in the Beetle Clause, and WDO Inspectors will have to treat them as wood destroying organisms. Going forward WDO Inspections have to include Harvester termites in SAPCA's full disclosure inspection report. Properties infested by Harvester termites will therefore have to be treated before a Clearance Certificate can be issued. This will result in rendering a professional and efficient service, protecting the buyer's rights, as well as the integrity of the woodborer inspection profession, which is to what we as SAPCA members should always strive to do. The classification of Harvester termites as wood destroying organisms will ensure that potential home buyers will have total peace of mind when a clearance certificate has been issued. Should you wish to add any additional supporting information on this issue of Harvester termites, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Special thanks to Jaco Scheepers, Entomologist: Rentokill Cape Town for his valuable contribution in this regard.



PRACTICAL SESSIONS: GAUTENG

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for more information*

**THE PROGRAMME
CONSIST OF 12
SESSIONS**

**R800 PER
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REQUIREMENTS

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