Keeping up-to-date with changes in the capital markets

Given the rapidly changing financial market environment, education in the capital markets, particularly the securities industry, is of utmost importance. Individuals and companies need to constantly keep up-to-date with changes to legislation, market best practices and developments. Strate has developed workshops, seminars and customised training programmes to meet these demands.

Part of Strate's responsibility as a self-regulating organisation is to provide training and accreditation to Strate Compliance Officers and Alternate Compliance Officers, as each Strate Participant is required to have a certified Compliance Officer in their organisation.

Strate Training, in partnership with the South African Institute of Financial Markets (SAIFM), offers on-line examinations through the use of SAIFM examination facilities for individuals interested in becoming accredited as Strate Compliance Officers in the equities, bonds and/or money market environment.

There has been an increase in demand from companies to provide Strate training not only from a compliance perspective but also for skills development in the operational areas. To meet these needs Strate Training has recently launched the customised training programmes, which are designed according to each client's specific requirements. This flexible training alternative allows Strate Training to deliver a tailor-made programme to address the skills gap as identified by the client.

Strate Training is an Approved Training Provider by FASSET, the Sector Education and Training Authority for Finance, Accounting, Management Consulting and other Financial Services. The main benefit of being accredited by FASSSET is quality assurance for our clients. FASSET constantly monitors the delivery of quality assurance with respect to the courses for which providers have been accredited.

Also, companies that increase their capacity by training or assessing their staff through a SETA-accredited provider are entitled to a refund on a percentage of their skills levy, as well as to grants set out in the Skills Development Act.

Strate currently produces three Handbooks, covering the equities, bonds and money markets environments and it hosts various seminars to give candidates the opportunity to gain an understanding of a specific Strate topic in an interactive environment as opposed to the self-study approach and prepare them for Strate examinations

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