

Emma Chapman's Answer to TQAC Certification Questions

1. What brought you to the Emergency Management / DM field?

Growing up I was intrigued with weather related phenomena and how it could develop. This then grew into an interest in disaster events themselves and how nature could overpower man. This directed me to study a BBA in Disaster Management. During my studies I found a greater curiosity in the fact that by mitigating and preparing for such through developing structures and processes, one is able to increase capacities of local people, decreasing their risk to possible disasters. Although disasters and their related risks are imminent in the world we live, we are able to plan, to a certain extent, in order to better the lives of others.

2. What attracted you to the TIEMS organization and the TIEMS TQAC certification?

Prof. Tandlich provided us with a presentation on the certification, what it involves and the process of application. This sparked an interest in me to partake in the process and be a part of the society. I see it as a wonderful way to develop a standardisation of disaster and emergency management on an international level. I also see it as a need, especially with the increase in globalisation and disasters and their related risks as we look to the future. As the Emergency and disaster management field is fairly new, it is not as developed as other fields whereby international certification is available. The TIEMS TQAC certification is therefore a step in the right direction.

3. How do you think the TIEMS TQC certification will benefit your future opportunities and career?

I think it is important to have professional certification in the field that one is in. It will give me the confidence to speak on international standards on the platforms that I am on and a good base when working with colleagues from other countries.

4. How was your experience with navigating through the TIEMS TQC & TQAC certification process?

I found the process relatively simple. The online platform was simple and easy to access. At any point where I was confused or unsure, there was always someone willing to assist or explain.

5. In your opinion, how does the TIEMS TQC certification compare to other Emergency Management certifications?

Other EM certifications are often based on their locality, an example being DMISA, which is specific to South Africans. The TIEMS TQC certification really allows for certification on a broader, more international scale.

6. In light of Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine, where do you see the Emergency / Disaster Management field heading?

I definitely see the field of disaster and emergency management expanding. I see this pandemic and current war as a large wake-up call for many on the reality of disasters and their related risks. I think this will spark an interest in a greater number of people to expand the knowledge in this line of work to better all aspects of disaster management.

7. Is there anything else you like to tell about yourself?

No.