



Floor coverings on a warranty deadline

The Flooring Industry Training Association (FITA) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with 24 leading South African Flooring Manufacturers, Distributors and Contractors to announce that from 1 July 2018 product warranties on poor installation, carried out by installers not accredited by FITA, will no longer be honoured.

As a minimum, the Head Installer must have registered individually with FITA and hold a Construction, Education and Training Authority (CETA) accredited qualification. This is currently the National Certificate: Installation of Floor Coverings (NQF1). It covers limited flooring types, which the MOU clause is also restricted to. However, FITA is actively working with CETA and industry to create a revised curriculum which will be ready in 2018. At that point, the MOU will be extended to all flooring types contained therein.

“FITA’s role in the industry is to encourage and facilitate the recognition, upskilling and training of installers for the benefit of all sectors of the flooring industry” says Tandy Coleman, Chairman of FITA. “This is done by utilizing the funding provided by CETA and industry players who register with FITA. We are available to assist contractors and installers to either enrol at a FET college or participate in the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) accreditation process to ensure they are compliant by July next year.”

Proven product failure will continue to be honoured under the respective warranties

To register with FITA either corporately or individually contact them at register@fitasa.co.za

Details of designations installers can apply for are found at www.fitasa.co.za

To apply for assistance with training or RPL please email info@fitasa.co.za

The Flooring Manufacturers, Distributors and Contractors who have signed the memorandum of understanding with FITA include:

AZURA DISTRIBUTORS (PTY) LTD
BELGOTEX FLOORCOVERINGS (PTY) LTD
CROSSLEY SOUTH AFRICA (PTY) LTD
CARPET BROKERS (PTY) LTD
CARPET AND DÉCOR CENTRE (PTY) LTD
C AND C CARPET DISTRIBUTORS (PTY) LTD
GERFLOR FLOORING GROUP
FINFLOR (SA) (PTY) LTD
FLOORS DIRECT
FLOORWORX AFRICA (PTY) LTD
FOTAKIS BROS (PTY) LTD
FOTAKIS BROS CAPE CC
KEVIN BATES FLOORING AND CARPETING (PTY) LTD

MF WHOLESALE CC
NOUWENS CARPETS (PTY) LTD
MONN CARPETS (PTY) LTD
ITE PRODUCTS (PTY) LTD
POLYFLOR AFRICA (PTY) LTD
SEAMLESS FLOORING SYSYEMS CC
SELBORNE CARPET WHOLESALERS CC
SOUTH AFRICAN WOOD LAMINATE AND FLOORING ASSOCIATION
TRAVIATA FLOORING SYSTEMS (PTY) LTD
VAN DYCK CARPETS (PTY) LTD
WONDER FLOORING JOHANNESBURG (PTY) LTD

About FITA

The South African Flooring Industry Training Association was formed in 2013 with a mandate to represent the flooring industry and be the official facilitator for accredited training and registration of flooring installers nationally.

The decision to establish FITA was taken with the full support and approval of our Government, South African Flooring manufacturers, stakeholders and contractors.

FITA South Africa facilitates training and accreditation through Learnerships, Recognition of Prior Learning accreditation and various Short Skills Courses.

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