

## **SAATA Diploma and Advanced Diploma Exams?**

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### **Why would trainees write exams?**

SAATA endeavors to provide you as SAATA members, with opportunities to 'think TA' and consistently see your personal growth as well as your professional practice through the lens of Transactional Analysis: hence the Diploma and the Advanced Diploma certifications.

Writing the diploma exam and advanced diploma exam provides trainees with an ongoing commitment to learning and an exam focus. Exams also sharpen your conceptual thinking, as well as your writing skills. Finally it continuously shapes and hones your skills as a professional and helps you to constantly be in touch with the ITAA framework of ethics.

The Diploma exam is also for those who have a fear of writing. It's your first step to begin acknowledging yourself and your journey as a TA trainee and then write about it! Doing the exam is about allowing yourself that thrill of arriving at that day when it's finally ready for submission.

Once you've submitted it, the opportunity has allowed you to cross this barrier and then celebrate that you've crossed it! From my own experience, the process of writing and completing an exam is often far more celebratory than the exam itself.

**Personally for me, each level of the Transactional Analysis exams has facilitated an important aspect of my growth.**

### **In my view:**

The training towards and completion of the SAATA Diploma exam allows you to explore and find your identity as an individual.

The training towards and completion of the Advanced Diploma exam as well as the Certified Transactional Analyst exam, allow you to explore and find your identity as a practitioner.

The journey and completion of the TSTA exam allows you to find your identity as a trainer and supervisor of Transactional Analysis.

### **Completion of your SAATA exam**

We appreciate and are happy to mention that we've had 7 SAATA diplomas that have been passed in 2017. Many more of you would be eager to complete your diploma and submit your exams in the coming months too.

We remind you that the SAATA Diploma Certificates are awarded and celebrated at SAATA events (Conferences/ Multi Level Learning, etc.), every year.

We therefore encourage you as SAATA members to plan well and submit your exams in the months of October, latest by November each year, in time to pass

and receive certificates, at the Multi Level Learning, in the month of January each year. Finding examiners to mark your exams in the month of December would be a challenge, since most travel.

While writing your exams, please refer to the updated handbook available on the SAATA website, using the link: <http://www.saata.org/documents/>

Updated scoring rubrics are available in Appendix IV & Appendix V of the Diploma Handbook. Do familiarize yourselves before you begin.

Avoid having your certificate shipped to you, to your address. You'd really miss out on the fun of being celebrated in front of the SAATA community!

In case you still insist on celebrating this achievement by your self, you'll have to work a little harder than the others by:

- Sending a request to ([exams@saata.org](mailto:exams@saata.org))
- Sending a fee of Rs. 500/-, paid to the SAATA office
- Expecting to receive it within one month from our receipt of your request

We are also looking at ongoing changes in the exam structure and process, based on feedback from examinees and examiners. Do share your feedback openly, using our feedback forms.

Wishes for an enjoyable writing process!