



## Assistant Meteorological Technician: Gough Island (2 posts) 15 Months Contract (OC27/2018)

**Salary** R183 558 P/A (plus 37% lieu in benefits). Permanent South African Weather Service (SAWS) employees will have a different payment structure of benefits

**Centre:** Gough Island Base

### Requirements:

- BSc Degree in natural sciences or National Weather Observer's Certificate (with work experience).
- Candidates must be willing to work shifts (both day and night) and on public holidays, and in possible adverse weather conditions.
- Candidates must be punctual, dedicated, precise and able to work both in a team and independently.

### Duties:

- Assist and actively participate in the running of the surface meteorological and atmospheric research project assigned by the Marine Unit of the SAWS.
- Perform surface meteorological observations, conduct upper-air weather balloon releases and maintain and verify all equipment.
- Conduct all work in strict accordance with the rules, regulations and standards as set out by the SAWS.
- Assist with administrative duties including quality controlling of data and report writing as required by the Senior Meteorological Technician.
- Assist with logistical duties associated with the running of the remote base as part of the overall expedition team, including assisting other expedition members as required.

### Note:

The incumbent will execute duties at a Sub-Antarctic base and adhere to the health, safety and environmental requirements at that base. The successful applicant will spend a full year (September 2018 to October 2019) at Gough Island base. **There is no option to return to South Africa before October 2019.** The ability to work and live with small groups of people is thus essential. Although the base is well-equipped with e-mail, fax and satellite telephone facilities, the applicant should be self-sufficient and self-motivated. The incumbent should be aware of the possible effects of the remote location on his/her family and close relationships. Candidates should be physically fit, mentally strong and prepared for challenging but satisfying work. As part of a small expedition team, Meteorological Technicians might often be called upon to work long hours in extreme conditions, on duties unrelated to their primary function. Short-listed candidates will be subject to screening and security vetting to determine their suitability for employment. Appointment to these positions is subject to a rigorous medical examination, which will be arranged at no cost to the applicant.

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**Closing Date:** 14 March 2018

**For Attention:** Human Resource Management

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- All applications must be submitted on a **Z83 application form** (*click bold underlined text to download PDF form*) accompanied by certified copies of qualifications, identity document (ID) as well as a comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV) and Driver's License in order to be considered.
  - The National Department of Environmental Affairs is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.
  - It is the applicant's responsibility to have foreign qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualification Authority (SAQA).
  - Correspondence will be limited to successful candidates only.
  - People with Disabilities are encouraged to apply
  - Short-listed candidates will be subjected to screening and security vetting to determine their suitability for employment, including but not limited to: Criminal records; Citizenship status; Credit-worthiness; Previous employment (reference checks); and Qualification verification. Candidates shortlisted for the SMS post will be subjected to a technical exercise that intends to test relevant technical elements of the job.
  - Following the interview and the technical exercise, the Selection Panel will recommend candidates to attend a generic managerial competency assessment in compliance with the DPSA Directive on the implementation of competency based assessments.
  - Furthermore, the person appointed to this position will be subject to a security clearance, the signing of a performance agreement and an employment contract.
  - If you have not been contacted within three 3 months after the closing date of the advertisement, please accept that your application was unsuccessful.
  - The department reserves the right not to make an appointment.
  - Relaxation of qualification requirements may be considered for non-OSD posts
  - **Applications must be forwarded to: The Director-General: Department of Environmental Affairs, Private Bag X4390, Cape Town, 8000 or hand-deliver to 14 Loop Street, Cape Town.** No faxed, e-mailed and late applications will be considered.