



Senior Meteorological Technician: Gough Island (15 Month Contract) (OC06/2019)

Salary R242 475 per annum (plus 37% lieu in benefits). Permanent SAWS employees will have a different payment structure of benefits.

Centre: Gough Island Base

Minimum requirements:

- National Weather Certificate or BSc Degree (Honours) in Natural Sciences or Previous Island Experience.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have been to the islands before.
- Candidates must be willing to work shifts (both day and night shifts), and on public holidays in possible adverse weather conditions.
- Candidates must be punctual, dedicated, precise and able to work in a team, as well as on their own.

Duties:

- Oversee and coordinate surface meteorological and atmospheric research project assigned by the Marine Section of SAWS.
- Exercise responsible shift management of the two assistant meteorological technicians.
- Perform surface meteorological observations, conduct upper-air balloon releases and maintain and verify all equipment at the remote station of Gough Island.
- Conduct quality control of data, report writing and asset control.
- Assist other team members with logistical and administrative tasks associated with the general running of the base.
- Conduct all duties in accordance with the rules, regulations and standards as set out by the South African Weather Service.

NOTE: The incumbent will execute duties at a Sub/Antarctic Base and adhere to the health, safety and environmental requirements. The successful applicant will spend a full year (September 2019 to October 2020) at Gough Island base. **There is no option to return to South Africa before October 2020.** 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 has to be self-sufficient and self-motivated. The location may affect both the physical and mental well-being of the

incumbent, their family and close relationships. Candidates must be physically fit, mentally strong and prepared for physically challenging and satisfying work. In addition the successful candidates may often be called upon to work long hours in extreme conditions on duties unrelated to their function. Short-listed candidates will be subjected 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 for at no cost to the applicant.

Enquiries: Mardené de Villiers or Tammy Morris, Tel: (021) 935 5700

Attention: Human Resource Management

Closing Date: 04 March 2019

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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.