



Medical Doctor: Antarctica | Approximately Fifteen Months Contract (OC09/2022)

Salary: R 1 162 200 p.a (All-inclusive package)

Centre(s): Antarctica

Requirements:

- In possession of an appropriate medical qualification (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery or relevant qualification) recognised to practice as a General Practitioner in South Africa.
- At least 5 years of experience and registered with the medical board HPCSA or similar authoritative body.
- Must have practical experience in, and/or be able to respond to, the following fields.
- General Medicine, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, ENT, Psychiatry and Mental Health Counselling.
- Secondary areas include: Emergency Management, Anaesthetics and Intensive Care, Basic Surgery, Orthopaedics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Occupational and Industrial Medicine, Dentistry, Radiography, Physiotherapy and Sports Medicine.
- Training may be provided in some of these areas before departure.
- Applicants must provide proof of registration as a medical practitioner and details of any suspensions or other actions from relevant medical registering bodies.

Duties:

- The Medical Doctor will be the sole medical practitioner to provide complete generalist medical, surgical and emergency dental care, to about 12 expedition members for up to 15 months, at SANAE Base in Antarctica.
- This station accommodates about 12 people in winter and about 40 during summer (December to March).
- He/She will also be required to render occupational medicine, nutrition, preparation of first-aids kits, inventory control of pharmaceuticals and equipment.
- Medical support includes remote support from South African Military Health Service.
- Additionally he/she will provide instruction and advice to fellow expeditioners on matters of health, medical procedures and first-aid.
- Preparation of monthly and annual reports, do stock-takes to order supplies and equipment and do other common "non-medical" duties performed by expedition members.
- Should the incumbent present a befitting profile, he/she could be nominated as the team leader of the expedition.
- The successful incumbent will be required to perform the role of the onboard ship doctor en-route to Antarctica including pre-departure preparations.
- During this period the Doctor will need to undergo the requisite training provided and comply with all policies and regulations governing the ship's crew.

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 (December 2024 to February 2026) at SANAE.
- There is no option to return to South Africa before February 2026.
- 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 as well as psychometric assessment, which will be arranged for at no cost to the applicants.

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Closing date: 10 June 2024

- All applications must be submitted on a signed **new Z83 application form** (*click bold underlined text to download PDF form*) accompanied by a recent detailed curriculum vitae to be considered.
- Please note that ***should you not use the newly amended Z83 and completed, initialed and signed in full, the department reserves the rights to disqualify your application.***
- **Applications may be forwarded to:** The Director-General, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Private Bag X4390, Cape Town, 8000 or hand-deliver to 63 Strand Street, Cape Town, 8000. **Marked for attention:** Human Resources Management.
- 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.
- The National Department Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Preference may be given to appointable applicants from the underrepresented designated groups in terms of the department's equity plan. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.
- Correspondence will be limited to successful candidates only.
- 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); social media checks, and qualification verification.
- Short-listed candidates will be expected to avail themselves at the department's convenience.
- **Entry level requirements for senior management service (SMS) posts:**
 - In terms of the Directive on Compulsory Capacity Development, Mandatory Training Days and Minimum Entry Requirements for SMS that was introduced on 1 April 2015, a pre-entry certificate obtained from National School of Government (NSG) is required for all SMS applicants.
 - The course is available at the NSG under the name "certificate for entry into SMS" and the full details can be obtained by following the below link: <https://www.thensg.gov.za/training-course/sms-pre-entryprogramme/>
 - Shortlisted candidates must provide proof of successful completion of the course.
 - Furthermore, 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.
- The person appointed to this position will be subjected to a security clearance, the signing of a performance agreement and an employment contract.
- The department reserves the right not to make an appointment.
- If you have not been contacted within three (03) months after the closing date of the advertisement, please accept that your application was unsuccessful.