



## forestry, fisheries & the environment

Department:  
Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

### Senior Meteorological Technician: Marion Island (OC24/2021) (15 Month Contract)

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**Salary :** (R257 508) (plus 37% lieu in benefits). Permanent SAWS employees will have a different payment structure of benefits.

**Centre :** Marion 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 Marion 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 (April 2022 to May 2023) at Marion Island base. **There is no option to return to South Africa before May 2023.** 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.

**For Attention :** Human Resource Management

**Closing Date :** 4 October 2021

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

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- All applications must be submitted on a **Z83 application form** [PDF] accompanied by certified copies of qualifications.
  - Take note that the department will verify all qualifications and experience and that original documents must be submitted on appointment and all qualifications obtained abroad will be evaluated by SAQA.
  - Short listed candidates will be subjected to screening and security vetting to determine the suitability of a person for employment.
  - Senior Management candidates to be subjected to competency assessment, signing of an employment contract and performance agreement.
  - If you have not been contacted within three months after the closing date of this advertisement, please accept that your application was unsuccessful.
  - The department reserves the right not to make an appointment.
  - People with disabilities are encouraged to apply.
  - Consideration will be given to applicants who meet the minimum requirements of advertised posts.
  - Applications should be forwarded to the **Director-General, Department of Environmental Affairs, Private Bag X4390, Cape Town, 8000 OR Hand deliver to Department of Environmental Affairs, 14 Loop Street, Cape Town.**