

The South African Weather Service (SAWS) is a Section 3(a) public entity under the Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE) and is governed by a Board. The organisation is an authoritative voice for weather and climate related services in South Africa and is a member of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) to fulfil a range of international obligations of the government. South African Weather Service (SAWS) strives to be a Weather and Climate Centre of Excellence providing innovative solutions to ensure a weather-smart region, sustainable development, and economic growth.

The South African Weather Service (SAWS) is therefore seeking to appoint an efficient and enthusiastic person to undertake the role of:

Senior Manager: Disaster Risk and Reduction

Salary total package: Negotiable

Centre: Head Office (Centurion)

(Ref: WS02/042024)

Job Summary:

Responsible for leading and managing the collection and dissemination of weather-related information and warnings to the public and disaster management structures to ensure preparedness, mitigation, and prevention of disasters in order to save lives and property in line with the SAWS Act. The incumbent is also responsible for positioning SAWS as the only authoritative voice for weather related information..

Key Performance Areas:

- Develop and implements the department's Disaster Risk Management strategy and plans.
- Ensure the provision of Meteorological public good services including continuous monitoring of weather forecasts and warnings which are essential for planning by key stakeholders e.g., disaster management structures, customers etc.
- Provide scientific leadership in weather forecasting with the aim of developing techniques to improve the SAWS' services.
- Coordinate the Regional Specialized Meteorological Centre (RSMC) activities as designated by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).

- Ensure the delivery of world-class commercial forecasting services and products.
- Ensure that General weather and related warnings are displayed on the SAWS web page.
- Ensure the provision of Weather Media releases to wider audiences.
- Produce reliable meteorological data, information, and reports.
- Secure funding for SAWS projects.
- Responsible for the implementation of governance, risk, and compliance frameworks for the department, in line with the overall risk management framework.
- Manage the departmental performance to meet the set targets.
- Manage the department's budget.
- Assist in the establishment and maintenance of the Quality Management System. Ensure that all internal and external audits are addressed within the stipulated timeframes.
- Ensure that SAWS adheres to its international obligations and conventions that South Africa is a signatory to and that the Meteorological infrastructure meets the WMO standards.
- Maintain effective relationships with relevant organisations such as WMO, National Disaster Management Center, Regional Managers and other internal and external stakeholders to deliver on the mandate of the department.
- Supporting the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE) with its climate change adaptation efforts and other initiatives.

Required Minimum Education/Training:

- Masters in Natural Sciences viz Meteorology /Atmospheric Sciences
- A PhD is an advantage.

Required Minimum Work Experience:

- At least 10 years' experience in a Meteorology environment, 3 of which must have been in a management position.
- Knowledge of WMO related standards and practice
- Knowledge of the PFMA and Treasury Regulations
- Knowledge of the SAWS and Disaster Management Acts
- Experience in the public sector would be an added advantage

Technical and Behavioral Competencies Required:

- Ms Office competencies (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint)
- Document Management
- Stakeholder Management
- Budgeting
- Total Quality Management
- Environmental Management
- Numerical and Business acumen
- Knowledge of industry standards, best practices, and trends in the discipline
- Report writing
- Innovation and creativity
- Leadership skills
- Influencing and Negotiation skills
- Networking and collaboration
- Results driven
- Problem solving skills
- Excellent communication skills (written and verbal)
- Confidentiality
- Ability to work flexible hours

Please Note:

Register as user on our website using this link: <https://www.weathersa.co.za/home/vacancies> to apply for the above position and upload your (Comprehensive CV with certified copies of qualifications).

Enquiries for the above-mentioned positions must be directed to: Ms Thembisa Bixa, at Tel. (012) 367 6208.

Closing Date: 06 May 2024

Preference will be given to People living with disabilities in line with SAWS EE targets. This is an EE position and preference will be given to females, Africans, Indians and Coloureds (AIC). Correspondence will be limited to short listed candidates only. Candidates who have not been contacted within 3 months after the closing date of this advertisement, please accept that your application was unsuccessful. The South African Weather Service is an equal opportunity employer.

Record Reference

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