

The South African Weather Service (SAWS) is a Section 3(a) public entity under the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) 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:

Chief Forecaster: Projects (DRR)

Salary: Level 12

Centre: National Forecasting Center, (DRR) Centurion

(Ref: WS12/022022)

Job summary:

- The Chief Forecaster project is primarily responsible for overseeing all the DRR related projects.
- She/He will also be responsible to identify, and initiate funding opportunities.

Key Performance Areas:

- Develop and draft public awareness programmes (stakeholder engagement plan) for communities and key stakeholders and ensure implementations
- Liaise with critical stakeholders, weather bodies and agencies (WMO, NOAA etc.), to develop techniques to improve the services to minimise risk for SAWS with relation to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and weather forecasting.
- Establish strategic partnerships and identify areas of co-operation with institutions of similar interests through MoU's and/or SLA.

- Maintain effective working relationships with other regions, international and national stakeholders.
- ☑ Ensure effective implementation of community outreach program in line with the strategic objectives of the organisation
- Keep abreast of new forecasting theories and techniques developed in weather services.
- Carry out all administrative functions attached to the post.
- Assist with the implementation and compliance to the requirements of the SAWS Quality Management System”.
- Drafting of SAWS quarterly RSMC (SWFDP), or any related DRR reports (National and International)
- Assist in all training activities related to weather forecasting within the office,
- Provide mentorship and training to junior personnel.
- Conduct case-studies and other research to enhance the accuracy and quality of the products and services offered.
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Minimum Requirements and Attributes:

- Master’s degree in meteorology or equivalent
- At least 07 to 10 years Meteorological experience, preferably in operations.
- Extensive knowledge, skills, and experience in all spheres of Operational Meteorology
- Enthusiastic and willing to further his/her studies, preferably in PHD Meteorology field.
- Ability to analyse and/or interpret weather charts, surface observations, upper air observations, weather satellite and radar imageries.
- Ability to analyse and/or interpret Numerical Weather Prediction and Ensemble Prediction System products.
- Comprehensive understanding of Impact-based forecasting.
- Excellent communication skills (written and verbal).
- Ability to work well under pressure.

Enquiries for the above-mentioned positions must be directed to: Mr. Denny Maluleke, at Tel. (012) 367 6091.

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).

Closing Date: 28 February 2022

Note: Recruitment Agency applicant submissions will not be considered

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 organisation reserves the right not to fill this position. South African Weather Service is an equal opportunity employer. application was unsuccessful. The organisation reserves the right not to fill this position. South African Weather Service is an equal opportunity employer.



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