

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:

Senior Forecaster

Salary: Negotiable

Centre: National Forecasting Center, Centurion

(Ref: WS13/022022)

Job summary:

The Senior Forecaster is a shift-worker primarily responsible for forecasting and monitoring of weather, producing of weather forecasting products as well as severe weather warnings. S/He is also required to provide a supervisory and technical oversight of weather forecasting activities performed in the office and in regional forecasting offices.

Key Performance Areas:

Forecasting and Warning Service:

- Supervise, generate and quality control public and marine weather forecasts according to pre-determined time scales. These include commercial products and services.
- Communicate public weather forecasts and severe weather warnings in different media platforms.

Customer Relations:

- Liaise with clients as per office plan.
- Represent SAWS at Stakeholder meetings as per plan.

- Promote the awareness of SAWS products and services to all stakeholders.

General Administration

- Perform routine office administration including periodic reporting, shift roster management, leave processing, and attendance register administration.
- Assist in the effective use of assets and key infrastructure.

Training, Development and Knowledge Management

- 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.

Total Quality Management

- Apply prevention and corrective action procedures on all findings related to the office.
- Promote a quality culture amongst the staff within the office.
- Promote the SAWS Quality Policy and intergrade it into the day-to-day activities of the office.
- Provide assistance during audits of the office as required.
- Perform regular inspections to ensure all work done is according to documented requirements.
- Ensure that the work environment complies with legislative requirements in relation to Occupational Health and Safety.

Minimum Requirements and Attributes:

- BSc Meteorology with Honours or equivalent.
- 5 years Weather Forecasting experience.
- Ability to analyse and interpret weather charts, surface observations, upper air observations, weather satellite and radar imageries.
- Ability to analyse Numerical Weather Prediction and Ensemble Prediction System products.
- Comprehensive understanding of Impact-based forecasting.

Technical and Behavioural Competencies Required:

- Excellent communication skills (written and verbal).
- Ability to work well under pressure.
- A valid Code EB or Code 08 driver's license (without endorsements).

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: Mr. Denny Maluleke, at Tel. (012) 367 6091.

Closing Date: 28 February 2022

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.

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