



water & sanitation

Department:
Water and Sanitation
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION
CLOSING DATE: 15 April 2026

NOTE: Interested applicants must submit their applications via the online link <https://erecruitment.dws.gov.za> Other related documentation such as copies of qualifications, identity document, driver's license etc need not to accompany the application when applying for a post as such documentation must only be produced by shortlisted candidates during the interview date in line with DPSA circular 19 of 2022. With reference to applicants bearing professional or occupational registration, fields provided in Part B on the online Z83 must be completed as these fields are regarded as compulsory. Failure to complete or disclose all required information will automatically disqualify the applicant. No late applications will be accepted. Shortlisted candidates will be subjected to suitability checks (SAQA verification, reference checks criminal and credit checks). SAQA evaluation certificate must accompany foreign qualifications (only when shortlisted). Applications that do not comply with the above-mentioned requirements will not be considered. All shortlisted candidates pertaining to Senior Management Services (SMS) posts will be subjected to a technical and competency assessment and a pre-entry certificate obtained from the National School of government is required prior to the appointment. All shortlisted candidates, including the SMS, shall undertake two pre-entry assessments. One will be a practical exercise to determine a candidate's suitability based on the post's technical and generic requirements and the other must be an integrity (ethical conduct) assessment. Candidates will be required to complete a financial disclosure form and undergo security clearance. Foreigners or dual citizenship holders must provide a police clearance certificate from country of origin (only when shortlisted). The Department of Water Sanitation is an equal opportunity employer. In the filling of vacant posts, the objectives of section 195 (1) (i) of the Constitution of South Africa, 1996 (Act No: 108 of 1996) the Employment Equity imperatives as defined by the Employment Equity Act, 1998 (Act No: 55 of 1998) and relevant Human Resources policies of the Department will be taken into consideration. Correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates only. If you do not hear from us within three (3) months of this advertisement, please accept that your application has been unsuccessful. Faxed applications will not be considered. The department reserves the right not to fill these positions. Women and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply and preference will be given to the EE Targets.

POST: CHIEF ENGINEER: GRADE A REF NO: 150426/01

BRANCH: WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES MANAGEMENT: FS CD: PROVINCIAL OPERATIONS: FREE STATE DIR: WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES SUPPORT SD: WATER SERVICE PLANNING SUPPORT

NOTE: This appointment will be made on the minimum notch of the salary range, however, a higher notch within the salary range of Grade A will be considered based in relation to the provisions of the Public Service Regulation 2016 as amended, i.e. provision of the candidate's current salary advice.

CENTRE: Bloemfontein

SALARY: R1 266 450 per annum (all-inclusive OSD salary package)

REQUIREMENTS: An Engineering Degree (B Eng/BSC Eng) or relevant qualification. Six (6) years post qualification experience. Compulsory registration with Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) as a Professional Engineer. The disclosure of a valid unexpired driver's license. Extensive experience in water and sanitation services planning and implementation, including feasibility studies, designs, associated legislative requirements, site supervision and project close-out. Knowledge of programme, project and financial management and ability to effectively liaise with a wide range of sector role players. Knowledge of the water sector and relevant legislation (including but not limited to The Water Services Act (No. 108 of 1997), National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998) and National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) amongst others. Research and development. Computer-aided engineering applications including relevant computer software knowledge. Technical report writing, networking, and professional judgement. Problem solving and analyses, decision making, team leadership, creativity, self-management, stakeholder focus and responsiveness. Sound interpersonal and leadership skills. Planning, organising and people management. Excellent communication skills (written and verbal). Strategic capability and leadership. Must be available to travel as and when required often at short notice.

DUTIES: Manage technical services and support in conjunction with Engineers, Technologists, Technicians and associates in field, workshop and technical office activities. Provide support in the analysis and project management of water and sanitation services projects. Provide technical support to the water and sanitation sector. Strategic Analysis of Water Services themes and topics. Development of related business perspectives with recommendations. Liaison and engagements with all stakeholders and water and sanitation sector players with regards to project planning and implementation. Provide support to WSAs to ensure implementation of Planning and implementation Frameworks and methodologies. Monitoring and reporting on the adherence to these planning and implementation frameworks and methodologies. Identification, prioritization and initiation of projects through and the associated financial management to structure the required budgets for planning and implementation. Co-ordination of planning to ensure integrated planning and management of water and sanitation projects in all spheres of government (Water Boards, WSAs and other WSPs) to improve water and sanitation services, and the reliability and sustainability of infrastructure. Investigation, assessment, monitoring and reporting on all aspects of Water and Sanitation Services delivery. Ensure all data, information, reports and results of analyses are packaged and made accessible to the sector via the Water Services Knowledge System and National Integrated Water Information System. Liaison with, and maintenance of data sharing

and information partnerships with key Water and Sanitation Services, Sector role-players and stakeholder such as Statistics South Africa, National Treasury, Cooperative Governance and Office of the Presidency. Ensure quality assurance of technical designs with specifications and authorize/make recommendations for the approval by the relevant authority. Monitor and ensure projects are implemented in accordance with prescribed norms and standards. Monitoring and evaluation of water and sanitation services delivery projects. The provision of guidance to the water sector regarding technical and engineering aspects of the operations and maintenance of water and sanitation services infrastructure. Support and provide guidance on All Town Reconciliation Studies, implementation of WCWDM, Bulk Water and Sanitation Master Planning and Disaster Management. Continuous professional development to keep up with new technologies and procedures. Research/Literature studies on technical engineering technology to improve expertise.

ENQUIRIES: Ms Z Xokozela, Tel No: (051) 405 9000

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