



water & sanitation

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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION
CLOSING DATE: 27 March 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: VOCMA09

VAAL-ORANGE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY DIVISION: WATER RESOURCE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

SALARY: R1 266 450 - R1 446 921 per annum, (all-inclusive OSD salary package)

N.B. This appointment will be made on the minimum notch of the salary range, however, a higher notch within the salary range of Grade A may be considered based on the candidate's current salary advice.

CENTRE: Bloemfontein

REQUIREMENTS: An Engineering Degree (B Eng / BSc Eng) in Civil, Water or relevant qualification. Postgraduate qualification (MEng / MSc / PhD) in Water Resources, Hydrology or related field will serve as an added advantage. Six (6) years post qualification engineering experience. Compulsory registration with the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) as a Professional Engineer. The disclosure of a valid unexpired driver's license. Willingness to travel extensively. Experience in Water Resources Planning and Management, Modelling, Program, Project and Contract Management. Ability to relate with associated professional fields in a multi-disciplinary team and ability to train and develop young graduates. Knowledge of the National Water Act, Water Services Act, the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), Environmental and land legislation. Additional studies or experience in water resource management, hydrology, water quality, project management, engineering economics, project financing modelling, environmental engineering, assessments of projects, and institutional aspects will be an added advantage. Computer proficiency. Good written, verbal communication and presentation skills.

DUTIES: The Chief Engineer will be responsible for Water Resource Planning and related duties within the Vaal-Orange Water Management Area including leading the preparation, review, and implementation of the Catchment Management Strategy (ensure the CMS is aligned with NWRS, provincial growth and development strategies, Municipal Integrated Development Plans, Coordinate reconciliation strategies and water balance assessments at catchment and sub-catchment level, ensure CMS implementation is measurable, adaptive, and reviewed at prescribed intervals). the coordination of all Water Resource Planning and allocation Programs (water use authorisations (licensing), compulsory licensing, and General Authorisation, ensure allocations support Equity and redress, efficient and beneficial use and socio-economic development, Guide development of water allocation schedules and reconciliation scenarios, and advise on restriction rules during drought), Resource Protection, Classification & Reserve (lead technical inputs into Water resource classification ecological reserve determination, resource quality objectives, ensure planning decisions protect Aquatic ecosystems, strategic water source areas, and groundwater dependent ecosystems, and integrate reserve requirements into operational planning and licensing advice). Hydrology, Groundwater & Systems Analysis (oversee hydrological modelling and system yield analyses, guide groundwater assessments, aquifer management plans, and conjunctive use strategies, ensure use of approved national tools and datasets and Review and approve technical studies supporting infrastructure or licensing decisions), Climate Change Adaptation & Risk Management (Integrate climate change scenarios into water resource planning, lead development of drought management plans and flood risk considerations in resource planning, promote adaptive management approaches as required by NWRS-3

and advise CMA Executive and Board on climate-related water security risks), Infrastructure Planning & Augmentation, Water Quality & Load Management (Integrate water quality considerations into quantity planning, Support development of Catchment water quality objectives and pollution load management strategies, Oversee salinity, nutrient loading, and eutrophication risk assessments. and provide technical advice to enforcement and compliance units), Governance, Regulation & Advisory Support (provide expert technical advice to CMA Board, Chief Executive Officer, DWS, and Support licensing, compliance, and enforcement with defensible technical evidence), Stakeholder Engagement & Cooperative Governance (lead technical engagement with various institutions), Monitoring, Information & Knowledge Management (oversee hydrological, groundwater, and water quality monitoring programmes), and Leadership, Management & Transformation.

ENQUIRIES: Mr N Smouse Tel No 051 405 9000

APPLICATIONS: All applications to be submitted online on the following link: <https://erecruitment.dws.gov.za/>

NOTE: The Vaal-Orange Catchment Management Agency is a Public Water Resource Management Agency, established in line with the provisions of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act no 36 of 1998) (NWA) and National Water Policy for South Africa. It is an entity of the National Department of Water and Sanitation. Employees appointed in the CMA have similar employment terms and conditions as those of employees appointed in terms of the Public Service Act, though not employed in terms of the Public Service Act.