

Potato Certification Service (NPC)

Potato Certification Service is a Non-Profit Company responsible for the registration and certification of approximately 10 000 hectares of seed potatoes under the South African Seed Potato Certification Scheme. The staff component is 24 in total.

Position:	Trainee Certification Official
Starting Date:	2 January 2019
Location:	Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal during the training period, with exposure in other production regions. Candidate must be willing to relocate if required.
Job Description:	Responsible for all aspects regarding certification of seed potatoes e.g. registration of units, field inspections, taking of samples, tuber inspections, certification of lots. Administrative tasks, which includes capturing of data.
Qualifications:	Diploma in Agriculture or Agricultural Management with preferably Plant Pathology and Agronomy as subject.

Approximately two years in service training is provided, before a candidate fully qualifies on all aspects of certification.

Desired skills/attributes for suitable candidates:

- Positive attitude:
- Love to work outdoors as a lot of field work is involved, with extended working hours in season:
- Keen interest to learn:
- Candidate must be able to work without supervision and as part of a team;
- Manage own workload efficiently and effectively;
- Sound internet skills and a high level of computer literacy;
- Fluent in English and Afrikaans (verbal and written);
- May not be colour blind (impacts on visual detection of virus symptoms);
- Strong numeracy efficiency;
- Must be physically fit and able to walk in fields during inspections and stand during tuber inspections and lift relatively heavy items;
- Good communication skills as well as good inter personal relationships are required; and
- Must have a valid driver's license.

Remuneration

R 373 852.25 TCOE (Total Cost of Employment) per annum, Basic TCOE Monthly Salary R31 154.35.

The abovementioned salary is Total Cost of Employment – 23% of a 60% pensionable salary is deducted for pension. 7.5% employee, 15.5% employer – all included in TCOE.

Medical Aid: Topmed – Premium depend on employee; If already member of medical aid, proof must be provided. Medical Aid premiums for employee's own account.

No bonus is paid, thirteenth cheque is already included in TCOE.

No housing is provided.

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