

Potato Certification Service (NPC)

Potato Certification Service is a Non-Profit Company responsible for the registration and certification of approximately 9 000 hectares of seed potatoes under the South African Seed Potato Certification Scheme. The staff component is 24 in total.

Position: Trainee Certification Official

Preferred Starting Date: 1 September 2018 otherwise 1 October 2018

Location: Christiana, North-West during the training period, with exposure in other production regions. Candidate must be willing to relocate if required.

Responsibilities / 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 Afrikaans and English (verbal and written);
- May not be colour blind (impacts on visual detection of virus symptoms);
- Strong numeracy efficiency;
- Good communication skills as well as good inter personal relationships are required; and
- Must have a valid driver's license.

Closing date: 24 August 2018

Please send a copy of your CV to swarthrm@gmail.com to apply for this position.