

MANAGEMENT ECHELON

POST: MEDICAL ORDERLY: GOUGH ISLAND (APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MONTHS CONTRACT) REF NO: OC16/2026

SALARY: R 487 197 per annum (plus 37% in lieu of Service Benefits)

CENTRE: GOUGH ISLAND

REQUIREMENTS: National Diploma/ Degree in Nursing/ Certificate in Operational Emergency Care Practitioner or equivalent relevant qualification. Applicants must be registered with the HPCSA (Health Professions Council of South Africa) or SANC (South African Nursing Council.) 3-5 years relevant experience required. Experience in rural or remote medicine. Knowledge of Acute Trauma Life Support and ACLS Acute Cardiac Life Support. Knowledge of nursing care processes and procedures, nursing statutes and other relevant legal framework such as the Nursing Act, Health Act, Occupational Health & Safety Act, Patient Rights Charter Act, Public Service Regulations Act and Labour Relations Act. Must have leadership skills, decision making, problem solving, interpersonal skills and computer skills in basic programmes. The incumbent has to be able to work independently with minimal support under extreme pressure and without supervision. The incumbent must have good verbal and written communication skills and the ability to work in a team.

DUTIES: The incumbent will be responsible for providing medical treatment to all team members during the expedition and ensure the work is according to the scope of practise regulations. Undertake minor dental and x-rays when needed. Prepare reports, do stock-takes of food and medicines. Order spares and equipment and do other common non-technical duties performed by expedition members. Ensure the food is stored according to the medical acts by maintaining high standards of food/ hygiene/ housekeeper/ linen and tailoring roles. Provide support to team leader for coordinating and training for the rescue and evacuation/ emergency procedures for the island as well as in a social role to motivate and encourage fellow team members.

NOTE: The incumbent will execute duties at a Sub/Antarctic Base and adhere to the health, safety and environmental requirements. The successful applicant will spend a full year (September 2026 to October 2027) at Gough Island. There is no option to return to South Africa before October 2027. The ability to work and live with small groups of people is thus essential. Although the base is well-equipped with e-mail, fax and satellite telephone facilities, the applicant has to be self-sufficient and self-motivated. The location may affect both the physical and mental well-being of the incumbent, their family and close relationships. Candidates must be physically fit, mentally strong and prepared for physically challenging and satisfying work. In addition, the successful candidates may often be called upon to work long hours in extreme conditions on duties unrelated to their function. Short-listed candidates will be subjected to screening and security vetting to determine their suitability for employment. Appointment to these positions is subject to a rigorous medical examination as well as psychometric assessment, which will be arranged for at no cost to the applicants.

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