



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Philippine Embassy in Pretoria reported a huge shortage of skills in South Africa, which has allegedly retarded business growth and a potential gross domestic product growth of six percent a year ago.

The Government Gazette has provided a list of categories of workers who are welcome to work in South Africa. The list of specific professional categories and occupational classes has corresponding quotas showed in the following schedule:

Specific Occupational Category	Applicable Quota
1. Aeronautical Engineers	500
2. Aircraft Maintenance Engineers	500
3. Autotronics: Vehicle diagnostic technicians	500
4. Avionic Engineers	250
5. Chemical Engineers including Rubber and Plastic	100
6. Construction Civil/Structural Engineers	5000
7. Design and Engineering Piping and Pipe laying	500
8. Electronic: Radio frequency and Signal Engineers Microwave and Satellite Engineers	500
9. Geologists	100
10. Astronomers	200
11. Astrophysicists	200
12. Math and Science Teachers	1000
13. Software Developers	1500
14. Biological Science Technicians	3000
15. Virologists	250
16. Silicon and Microchip Developers	1000
17. Pasteur Scientists	500
18. Actuaries	500
19. Financial Market Analysts	500
20. Risk Managers	500
21. Jewelry Designers	250

The above categories are applicable only to applicants who have Registration with relevant Professional body and have at least five (5) years of significant experience. This will be a part of the South African Government's grand plan to stimulate growth and halve poverty and unemployment by 2014.

Public Service and Administration Minister Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi said that unlike other work permits, a quota permit would be issued to applicants before they found or land a job in South Africa, although it would not guarantee them a position.

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