

POST: 3 x MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF CITRUS INDUSTRY TRUST (CIT)

The National Agricultural Marketing Council's (NAMC) Agricultural Industry Trusts unit is responsible for facilitating effective communication between the Agricultural Industry Trusts and the Minister of Agriculture. Among other things, Agricultural Industry Trusts unit is expected to facilitate the process of the appointment of Ministerial Representatives. This release is aimed at fulfilling that activity regarding the **Citrus Industry Trust (CIT)**.

OBJECTIVES OF THE BOARD OF THE CITRUS INDUSTRY TRUST:

- (a) Finance basic and applied research related to production and marketing of citrus;
- (b) Promote and finance training programs and the obtaining of skills in the citrus industry with particular regard to making the industry representative of the South African society;
- (c) Grant financing and bursaries or financial aid to persons in the furtherance of their studies relating to the citrus industry;
- (d) Finance the mechanisms for the provisions of expertise, marketing and sales assistance to small farmers in the citrus industry;
- (e) Finance the mechanisms for the social development and welfare of all directly affected groups in the citrus industry, including labour;
- (f) Finance any organisation or institution which has its aims one or more of the above objectives;

QUALIFYING CRITERIA TO SERVE AS A MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVE:

- (a) Be a citizen of the Republic of South Africa;
- (b) Possess the ability to analyse and interpret financial statements and investments;
- (c) Have a minimum of five years' experience in the fields of agriculture, land reform, and rural development;
- (d) Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the government's transformation policies;
- (e) Show a strong desire to advocate for and advance the interests of smallholder farmers in the Citrus industry;
- (f) Not be an immediate family member of, nor have any business affiliations with, members of the National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC);
- (g) Possess excellent teamwork and leadership skills, with the ability to work effectively as a member of a team;
- (h) Be willing to accept the duties and responsibilities of a ministerial representative;
- (i) Have an understanding of agricultural Trusts, statutory levies, and their objectives.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVES:

- (a) Ministerial Representatives have a legal obligation to take shared responsibility for the Trust in which they represent the Minister on, and must ensure that;
 - i. The Trust pursues its objectives as outlined in the Trust Deed;
 - ii. The assets of the Trust are protected and used exclusively to pursue its objectives; and
- (b) The Ministerial Representatives should be available for the meetings and report to the NAMC regarding the key issues discussed and decisions taken during the meeting; and
- (c) Report to the NAMC regarding activities of Citrus Industry Trust on a continuous basis;
- (d) Ensure that the assets of the Trust are utilized in a manner that is consistent with objectives of the Trust Deed and the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act (MAP Act).

KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE:

- (a) Research;
- (b) Agriculture and awareness of emerging farmer issues;
- (c) Serving the public interests;
- (d) Governance;
- (e) Diversity;
- (f) Financial management;
- (g) Political/ Local, Provincial and National government knowledge; and
- (h) Legal knowledge

TERMS OF MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVE:

The term of the Ministerial Representatives is three (3) years. Ministerial Representatives may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms, and the reappointment is subject to their performance and commitment in the first term. Ministerial Representatives who have served for two consecutive terms will not be eligible for reappointment.

Please forward your Curriculum Vitae (CV), a one-page motivation letter, and copies of qualifications:

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Closing date: 18 April 2025

If you have not been contacted within three months of the closing date, please note that your application was unsuccessful.

