

National Lucerne Trust

The National Agricultural Marketing Council's division dealing with Agricultural Industry Trusts has a mandate to facilitate the communication process between the agricultural Trusts and the Minister of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD). Among other things, Agricultural Industry Trusts division is expected to facilitate the process of the appointment of Ministerial Trustees. This release is aimed at fulfilling that activity regarding the National Lucerne Trust.

OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL LUCERNE TRUST:

The aims and objectives for which the trust has been constituted are for the development and promotion of the lucerne industry by -

- (a) Utilising the capital and income from the assets of the trust for research projects related to lucerne;
- (b) The collection and distribution of production and marketing information on lucerne;
- (c) Provide guidance and information to the lucerne industry;
- (d) Coordination and liaison between producers, traders, cleaners, consumers and government agencies;
- (e) The promotion of lucerne within the market;
- (f) The increase in market access for all participants within the lucerne industry; and
- (g) The strengthening of the viability of the lucerne industry.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA TO SERVE AS A MINISTERIAL TRUSTEE:

- (a) Be a South African citizen;
- (b) Understand and/or be able to analyse & interpret the financial statements and investments;
- (c) At least 5 years' experience in agriculture, land reform and rural development;
- (d) Should have knowledge and understanding of transformation policies of the government;
- (e) Possess a desire to advocate and advance the needs of smallholder farmers in the lucerne industry;
- (f) Not be an immediate family member nor be involved in a business venture with NAMC members;
- (g) Be influential and able to work effectively as a member of a team;
- (h) Willingness to accept Trustee duties and responsibilities; and
- (i) Understand agricultural Trusts, statutory levies and their objectives.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINISTERIAL TRUSTEES:

- (a) Ministerial Trustees have a legal obligation to take shared responsibility for the Agricultural Industry Trusts in which they represent the Minister on, and must ensure that;
 - i. The Trust pursues its objectives or purposes as set out in the Trust deed;
 - ii. The assets of the Trust are protected and used exclusively to pursue its purposes; and
 - iii. The Trust complies with the law and its governing documents.
- (b) The Ministerial Trustees should be available for the meetings and report to the NAMC regarding the key issues discussed and decisions taken during the meeting;
- (c) Report to the NAMC regarding activities of the National Lucerne Trust on a continuous basis;
- (d) Ensure that Agricultural Industry Trusts' and levy funds are utilized in a manner that is consistent with objectives of the Trusts deed/levies and that transformation projects are undertaken in accordance with the transformation charters for Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.

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 TRUSTEES:

The terms of the Ministerial Trustees differ from one Trust to another and are guided by the Trust Deed of each Trust. Ministerial Trustees may serve only two consecutive terms and the reappointment is subject to the performance and commitment of the Trustee in the first term. The Trustee who has served for two consecutive terms will normally not stand for reappointment.

Please forward your Curriculum Vitae (CV) to:

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Closing date: 12 November 2021

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

