

**POST: 1 X MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF MAIZE TRUST (MT)**

The National Agricultural Marketing Council's (NAMC) Agricultural Industry Trusts Division is responsible for facilitating effective communication between the agricultural industries and the Minister of the Department of Agriculture (DoA). Among other things, Agricultural Industry Trusts Division is expected to facilitate the process of the appointment of Ministerial Representatives. This advertisement is aimed at fulfilling that activity regarding the Maize Trust (MT).

**OBJECTIVES OF THE BOARD OF THE MAIZE TRUST (MT):**

The sole and principal objective of the Maize Trust is to provide funding for the benefit of the maize industry in the Republic of South Africa and more specifically to financially support:

- Market and production related to scientific and/or technical research in respect of maize and the acquisition, assimilation and dissemination of market information for maize and in respect of the maize industry.
- Market access in respect of South African maize (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

**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 Agency 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 Maize Trust on a continuous basis;
- d. Ensure that the assets of the Agency and levy funds are utilized in a manner that is consistent with objectives of the Trust Deed and the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act (MAP Act).

**TERMS OF MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVE:**

The term of the Ministerial Trustees is two (2) years. Ministerial Trustees may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms, and the reappointment is subject to their performance and commitment in the first term. Ministerial Trustees who have served for two consecutive terms will not be eligible for reappointment.

**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 maize 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.

**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

Please forward your CV along with a motivational letter, which should not exceed two pages in length, to:

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**Closing date: 05 September 2025**

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

