

POST: 3 X MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF MEAT INDUSTRY TRUST (MIT) AND THE RED MEAT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TRUST (RMDRT)

The Agricultural Industry Trusts unit of the National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) plays a vital role in ensuring effective communication between the Agricultural Industry Trusts and the Minister of Agriculture. A key responsibility of the unit is managing the appointment process of Ministerial Representatives to these Trusts, thereby promoting sound governance and supporting sector transformation objectives. This announcement relates specifically to the Meat Industry Trust (MIT) and the Red Meat Research and Development Trust (RMDRT) and serves to initiate and guide the appointment of a Ministerial Representative to these Trusts.

OBJECTIVES OF THE BOARD OF THE MEAT INDUSTRY TRUST:

- Research related to the improvement, production, manufacturing, processing, storing or marketing of red meat or related to red meat producers; ‘
- The provision, distribution and dissemination of information relating to any matter which may be relevant to the meat industry;
- Rendering assistance by means of a grant, loan or by any other means to any persons that promote any branch of the agricultural industry which relates to meat or red meat products or which has similar objectives as the trust;
- To benefit the meat industry by whatever lawful means the trustees may, using their discretion, periodically decide, within the ambit of the provisions of the clause;
- The provision of training, support or assistance to emerging farmers in order to improve capacity to start and manage agricultural operations;
- Research relating to, and the promotion of, animal welfare and
- The granting of a loan or bursary to any person for the purpose of facilitating tertiary education, directly or indirectly relating to the meat industry.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA TO SERVE AS A MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVE:

- Be a citizen of the Republic of South Africa;
- Possess the ability to analyse and interpret financial statements and investments;
- Have a minimum of five years’ experience in the fields of agriculture, land reform, and rural development;
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the government’s transformation policies;
- Show a strong desire to advocate for and advance the interests of smallholder farmers in the red meat industry;
- Not be an immediate family member of, nor have any business affiliations with, members of the National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC);



TERMS OF MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVES:

The term of the Ministerial Trustees is three (3) 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.

- Possess excellent teamwork and leadership skills, with the ability to work effectively as a member of a team;
- Be willing to accept the duties and responsibilities of a ministerial representative;
- Have an understanding of agricultural Trusts, statutory levies, and their objectives.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVES:

- 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;
 - The Trust pursues its objectives as outlined in the Trust Deed;
 - The assets of the Agency are protected and used exclusively to pursue its objectives; and
 - The Trust complies with the law and its governing documents.
- 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
- Report to the NAMC regarding activities of MIT & RMRDT on a continuous basis.
- Ensure that the assets of the Trusts 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:

- Research;
- Agriculture and awareness of emerging farmer issues;
- Serving the public interests;
- Governance;
- Diversity;
- Financial management;
- Political/ Local, Provincial and National government knowledge; and
- Legal knowledge

Interested candidates are invited to submit their Curriculum Vitae (CV) along with a one-page motivation letter and copies of their qualifications:

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Closing date: 23 September 2025

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

