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DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

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IMMIGRATION ACT, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002)

SPECIFIC PROFESSIONAL CATEGORIES AND SPECIFIC OCCUPATIONAL CLASSES

I, Ms N N Mapisa-Nqakula, MP, Minister of Home Affairs have, in terms of section 19(1) of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002), determined the quotas for specific professional categories or specific occupational classes in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Generic Occupation	Specific professional category / Specific occupational class	Requirements	Applicable quota
Information and Organisation Professionals	Actuaries and risk assessors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • At least 5 years relevant experience • Proof of registration with the Institute of Internal Auditors South Africa or The Institute of Risk Management South Africa. 	500
	Agricultural economists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Economic Society of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	500
	Statisticians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Natural & Scientific Professions. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	500
	Economists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Economic Society of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	500
Manufacturing and Construction Engineering	Chemical and Materials Engineers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. 	200

Professionals		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration with the Engineering Council of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	
	Civil Engineers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Engineering Council of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	1 000
	Structural Engineers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Engineering Council of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	150
	Aeronautical Engineers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Engineering Council of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	500
	Aircraft maintenance engineers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Engineering Council of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	500
	Avionics Engineers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Engineering Council of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	250
	Electrical and Electronic Engineers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Engineering Council of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	500
	Industrial Engineers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Engineering Council of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	100
	Mechanical Engineers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Engineering Council of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	100
	Mining Engineers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Engineering Council of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	100
	Quality Engineers and Inspectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African 	250

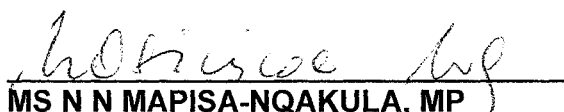
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Engineering Council of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	
	Specialist Pipe Engineering and Manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Engineering Council of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	500
Natural and Physical Science Professionals	Astronomers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Natural & Scientific Professions. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	200
	Astrophysicists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Natural & Scientific Professions. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	200
	Atmospheric Physicists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Natural & Scientific Professions. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	200
	Space Scientists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Natural & Scientific Professions. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	200
	Chemists, Analytical Chemists and Industrial Chemists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Natural & Scientific Professions. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	100
	Agricultural and forestry Scientists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Natural & Scientific Professions. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	500
	Bioengineers and Biotechnologists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Natural & Scientific Professions. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	500

	Food Technologists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Natural & Scientific Professions. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	100
	Geologists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Natural & Scientific Professions. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	100
	Geophysists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Natural & Scientific Professions. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	150
	Veterinarians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Veterinary Council. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	250
Biomedical Engineers and Technicians	Clinical & Biomedical Engineers and Technologists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Engineering Council of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	5 000
Health Professionals	Research and Development Pharmacologists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Pharmacy Council or the Health Professions Council of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	300
Education Professionals	School Teachers (Maths, Science, Design & Technology specialisations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Educators. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	2 000
	Education Planners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Educators. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	50
Agricultural and Science Technicians	Agricultural Science Technicians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Natural & Scientific Professions. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	5 000

Science Technicians	Earth Science Technicians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Natural & Scientific Professions. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	250
	Biological Science Technicians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Natural & Scientific Professions. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	1 000
Building and Engineering Technicians	Civil Engineering Draftspersons, Technicians and Technologists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Institute of Draughting. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	1 500
	Electrical engineering draftspersons and technicians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Institute of Draughting. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	500
	Electronics Technicians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Institute of Draughting. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	250
	Mechanical engineering draughtspersons and technicians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Institute of Draughting. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	250
	Hydraulics and Pneumatics Technicians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Chamber of Engineering Technology. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	250
	Industrial / Product Development Technologists and Testers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the South African Council for Natural & Scientific Professions. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	1 000
	Autotronics Technicians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Engineering Council of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	350
	Mechatronics Technicians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African 	150

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualifications Authority. Registration with the Engineering Council of South Africa. At least 5 years relevant experience 	
	Aircraft and avionics Technicians including maintenance technicians and aviation specific design and machining technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. Registration with the South African Civil Aviation Authority. At least 5 years relevant experience 	1 000
Manufacturing and Process Technicians	Manufacturing Technologists and Technicians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. Registration with the Metal & Engineering Industries Bargaining Council. At least 5 years relevant experience 	150
Fabrications Engineering Trades Workers	Sheet metal trades workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. Registration with the Metal & Engineering Industries Bargaining Council. At least 5 years relevant experience 	500
	Structural steel and welding trades workers (Coded welders)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. Registration with the South African Institute of Welding. At least 5 years relevant experience 	1 500
	Boilermakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. Registration with the Metal & Engineering Industries Bargaining Council. At least 5 years relevant experience 	500
Mechanical Engineering Trades Workers	Metal fitters and machinists (mechanical builders)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. Registration with the Metal & Engineering Industries Bargaining Council. At least 5 years relevant experience 	500
	Fitter and Turner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. Registration with the Metal & Engineering Industries Bargaining Council. At least 5 years relevant experience 	500
	Precision metal trades workers and toolmakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. Registration with the Metal & Engineering Industries Bargaining Council. At least 5 years relevant experience 	1 500

	Millwrights and mechatronics trade workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Metal & Engineering Industries Bargaining Council. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	800
Electro-technology & tele-communication trades workers	Electricians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Wireman license from the Department of Labour and then register with the Electric Contractors Association of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	150
Jewellers	Jewellery designers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Jewellery Council of South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	250
Information & Communication Technology	Network and support professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of formal qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. • Registration with the Computer Society South Africa. • At least 5 years relevant experience 	500


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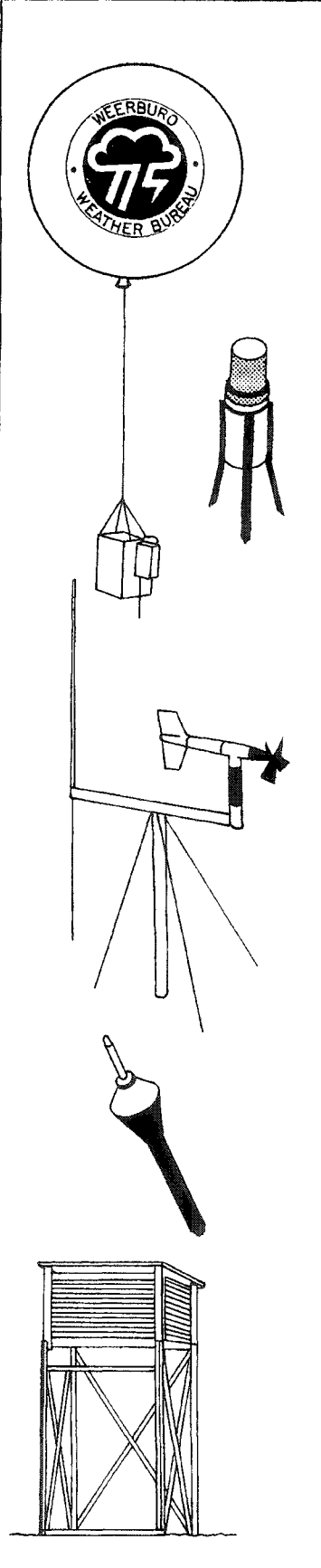
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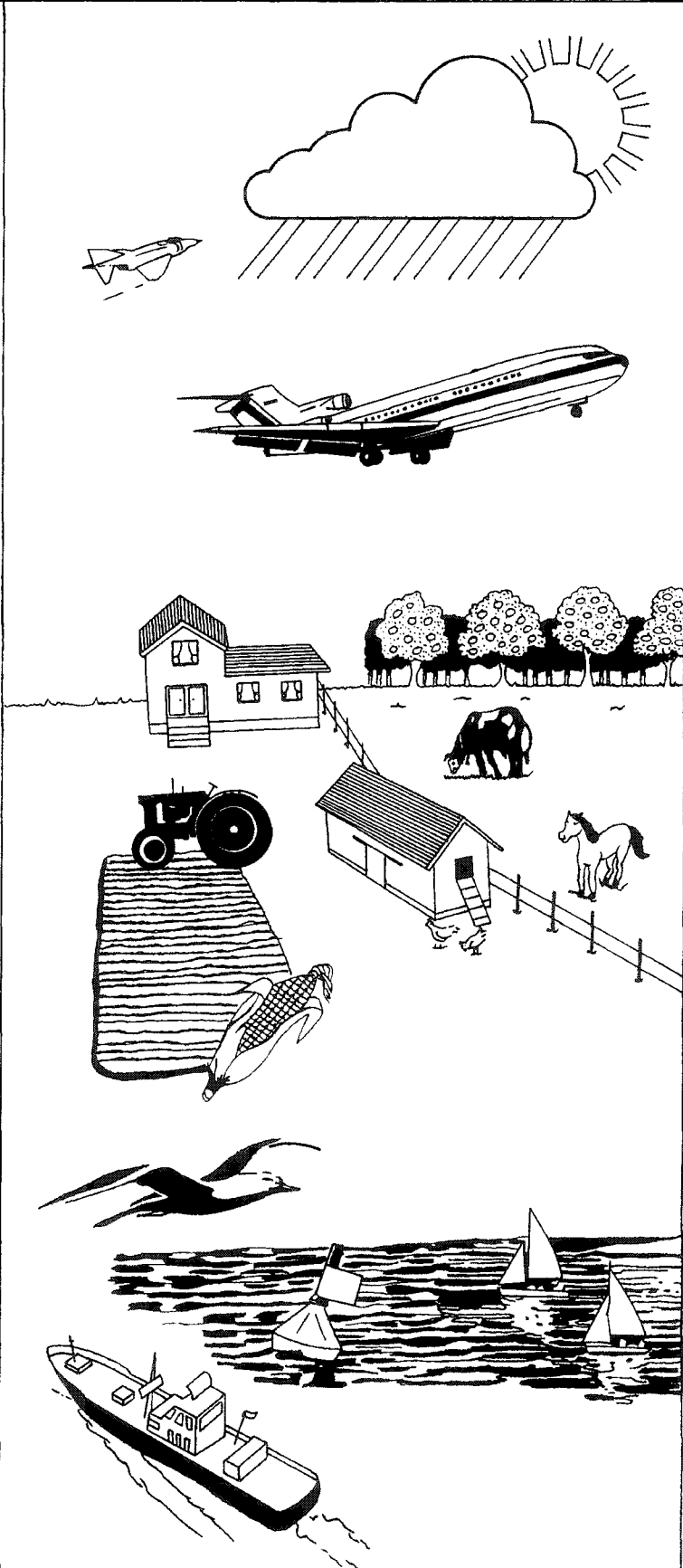


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