



POST: 1 X MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF NATIONAL LUCERNE TRUST (NLT)

The **National Agricultural Marketing Council's (NAMC) Agricultural Industry Trusts unit** plays a key role in facilitating effective communication between the Agricultural Industry Trusts and the **Minister of Agriculture**. One of its primary responsibilities is overseeing the process for appointing **Ministerial Representatives** to various Agricultural Industry Trusts, ensuring proper governance and alignment with sectoral transformation goals. This announcement specifically pertains to the **National Lucerne Trust (NLT)** and is intended to initiate and guide the appointment process for a Ministerial Representative within the Trust.

OBJECTIVES OF THE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL LUCERNE TRUST:

- a) Research projects related to Lucerne
- b) Gathering and dissemination of data related to production and marketing of lucerne
- c) The provision of accurate and relevant information to the lucerne industry
- d) Co-coordinating contact between producers, traders, cleaners, consumers and government institutions, and
- e) The promotion of lucerne.

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 lucerne 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 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 National Lucerne 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 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.

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: 04 April 2025

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

