

NIGHT SKY TOURIST GUIDE TRAINING PROGRAMME



The Department of Tourism hereby invites applications of registered tourist guides operating across South Africa to participate in a specialised Astro-Tourism/Night Sky Tourist Guide Training Programme that the Department will be funding in the 2026/27 financial year. The main objective of the training is to capacitate tourist guides with essential knowledge and practical skills required to provide diverse tourism offerings, leveraging on the untapped dark skies and to take advantage of the growing opportunities in the Astro-tourism space.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION AND CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT

Registered tourist guides that are interested in participating in this programme will be required to submit a **written motivation** (not exceeding 1 page) giving reasons why they should be selected to undergo Night Sky guide training. Please ensure that your **full name and surname** along with a **concise CV, copies of your South African ID, valid tourist guide registration card and proof of your guiding qualification** are also included in your application.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

- Must be a South African citizen or permanent resident.
- Hold a minimum NQF 2 tourist guide competency (i.e. full qualification not skills programme) in Nature, Culture and/ or Adventure Guiding.
- Be an existing freelancer, employed or unemployed tourist guide with a valid tourist guide registration in place.

- Have at least 1 - 2 years' experience working as a tourist guide.
- Tourist guides with effective communication abilities.
- Must be computer literate (basic skills) and access to own devices with stable internet connection for online training.
- Submission of an application accompanied by a clear one-page motivation and a concise CV.
- Selected candidates will be subjected to vetting processes and signing of a learner contract as a commitment to the training programme.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

All submissions must be sent via email to TGtraining@tourism.gov.za. Please note that a **blended training programme (i.e. a combination of online and physical sessions)** spread over 2 – 3 months will be implemented. It is important for candidates to be in possession of a laptop/ PC with stable internet connectivity. Details regarding logistical arrangements will be communicated to all successful candidates only. The Department will cover all costs related to travel, accommodation, course facilitation, learning materials, meals during practical sessions and data costs for the online training subject to full attendance of the programme. If you have not been contacted within three (3) months after the closing date of the advertisement, please consider your application unsuccessful.

CLOSING DATE: 22 JUNE 2026



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