

ONLINE MANDARIN LANGUAGE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR TOURIST GUIDES



The Department of Tourism hereby invites applications from registered tourist guides operating across the country to apply for the online foreign language training programme that the Department will be funding for the 2026/27 financial year. The Department will be implementing Mandarin language training at Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK1) for registered tourist guides. The main objective of the training is to capacitate existing tourist guides in the Mandarin language to enhance visitor experiences and to better serve the needs of the Chinese market.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION AND CONDITIONS OF ENROLEMENT

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 training in Mandarin. Please ensure that your **full name and surname** along with **copies of your South African ID** as well as **valid tourist guide registration card** is also included.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

- Must be a South African citizen or permanent residents.
- Existing freelance, employed or unemployed tourist guides with valid tourist guide registrations in place.
- Individuals seeking market access and business opportunities in the Chinese market.
- Freelancer/employed tourist guides with at least 1 - 2 years' experience *preferably with Chinese/foreign tourists.

- Tourist guides with effective communication abilities.
- Must be computer literate *basic skills required and must have access to own devices and 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.
- Priority sectors identified by government will be given preference during the selection process.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

All submissions must be sent via email to TGtraining@tourism.gov.za. Details regarding logistical arrangements will be communicated to all successful candidates only. Please note that the online training will be implemented continuously for a period of 4-5 weeks (Monday-Friday). It is important for candidates to be in possession of a laptop/PC with internet connectivity. The Department will reimburse learners for data costs associated with the training. These will be subject to a learner agreement that successful learners will be expected to sign. If you have not been contacted within three (3) months after the closing date of the advertisement, please consider your application unsuccessful.

CLOSING DATE: 19 JUNE 2026



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