



INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

Overview of the entity

The Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency (ECRDA) is a schedule 3C entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act 1, of 1999 as amended, with a mandate to promote, support and facilitate rural development in the province.

Position	:	Project Officer Forestry Development
Grade	:	11
Reporting line	:	Sector Head: Forestry and Timber Processing
Location	:	East London (head office)
Duration	:	Permanent

Main purpose of the position:

To support the planning, implementation, and monitoring of forestry development projects aimed at promoting sustainable forest management, biodiversity conservation, community based natural resource stewardship. The Project Officer provides technical assistance, coordinates field activities, engages stakeholders, and ensures compliance with environmental and forestry regulations, contributing to the long-term ecological and socio- economic benefits of forestry initiatives.

Minimum requirements:

Educational

- National Diploma in Forestry, Forestry Development, Agroforestry (NQFL6).
- A BSC in Forestry degree will be an added advantage.

Experience:

- Over 8 years' experience in forestry and rural development, including demonstrated practical exposure to community-based forestry initiatives.
- Strong knowledge of successful community forestry implementation models in the Eastern Cape, with the ability to reference and draw lessons from proven success stories in community participation, sustainable forest management, biodiversity conservation, and livelihood support.
- Experience supporting stakeholder engagement, project coordination, field-level forestry activities, and community stewardship processes that contribute to sustainable and socially beneficial forestry outcomes.
- Good understanding of the institutional, environmental, and community factors that enable successful forestry development projects in rural areas.

KNOWLEDGE COMPETENCY AND ATTRIBUTES

- Advanced or superior knowledge and understanding of relevant policy and legislation.
- Advanced or Superior understanding of institutional governance systems and performance management.
- Advanced or superior understanding of commercial agriculture/ forestry.
- Moral competence.
- Planning and organising.
- Analysis and Innovation.
- Results and Quality Focus.

DUTIES

- Planning and Project Management
- Business Development
- Training, Mentorship and Support.
- Technical Support
- Forestry Management

Remuneration

An all-inclusive salary package of R429 310.98 per annum is offered, with room for negotiation.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The application, which should as minimum contain a covering letter, CV, Employment application form, Certified copy of your Identity document, Qualifications and Driver's license must be submitted to recruitment@ecrda.co.za

NB:

- Without prejudice, correspondence will be limited to the short-listed candidates.
- Further be informed that if an applicant does not hear from ECRDA within 30 days, please accept that your application was unsuccessful.
- ECRDA reserves a right to appoint or not to make an appointment.
- Interviews will be conducted in person, unless stated otherwise.
- Administrative enquiries may be directed via email to mtumtumL2@ecrda.co.za
- **Canvassing will lead to disqualification of an application.**
- ECRDA has an employment equity plan which will be considered when making the appointment into this position.
- Date of issue : 13 March 2026

CLOSING DATE: 24 March 2026, before 16h30, late applications will not be accepted.

