



EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited for the permanent position of

TECHNICIAN – LEVEL 1

The South African Association for Marine Biological Research (SAAMBR), based at uShaka Marine World in Durban, is seeking a suitably qualified Technician to join the uShaka Sea World Curatorial department, a division of SAAMBR. The successful candidate will be responsible for ensuring the effective operation and daily maintenance of Aquarium Life Support Systems within the Curatorial jurisdiction, while providing additional technical support to the department.

The core responsibilities will include:

- To ensure the continuous operation of Aquarium Life Support System (LSS) equipment and systems through routine monitoring and maintenance on all LSS equipment and plant.
- Identify and troubleshoot faults.
- Perform routine mechanical maintenance on LSS systems.
- Monitor and maintain water quality systems in line with operational parameters.
- Complete maintenance job cards and maintain accurate records of maintenance activities, water quality parameters, and system performance.
- Support emergency response to LSS failures.
- Assist with the design, fabrication and installation of upgrades to existing systems, as well as the development and installation of new systems.
- Ensure the reliability of Curatorial vehicles through regular inspections and maintenance.
- Assist with technical stock control, plantroom and workshop housekeeping and the maintenance of tools and equipment.
- Perform additional technical duties and responsibilities as reasonably required to support departmental operations.

Minimum requirements for the role:

- Grade 12 / N3 / NQF Level 4, preferably in a technical or engineering field, is essential.
- National Trade Test Certificate as a Fitter or Millwright is essential.
- 1 – 3 years of plant experience in a water treatment environment is essential, preferably in an aquarium, aquaculture, or similar environment.
- A valid Code B driver's licence is essential.
- Competent computer literacy, including MS Word and MS Excel.
- Competent swimmer or willing to learn and develop swimming competency.

Additional Competencies and Attributes:

- Strong problem-solving and analytical skills.
- Ability to work independently and effectively within a team environment.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.

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SAAMBR is a Non-Profit Company and a member of: IUCN (World Conservation Union) and WAZA (World Association of Zoos and Aquariums)

Accredited member of AAWHC (African Association for Wildlife in Human Care)

ORI is academically affiliated with the University of KwaZulu-Natal

- High level of integrity, responsibility and attention to detail.
- Willingness to work after hours, weekends and in operational environments, including heights and confined spaces.
- Physically fit and capable of performing demanding technical tasks.
- Willingness to be multi-skilled and develop technical competencies within the organisation.
- Experience in electrical work, PVC plumbing, and civil works will be advantageous.

Submit your Curriculum Vitae and letter of motivation by either:

- E-mail: recruitment@saambr.org.za
- Hand Delivery: The South African Association for Marine Biological Research 1 King Shaka Avenue, Durban

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 12 OCTOBER 2026

Appointments will be made in line with SAAMBR's employment equity requirements. In line with the Protection of Personal Information Act, all personal information submitted as part of your application will be used solely for recruitment purposes and handled in a lawful, responsible, and confidential manner. SAAMBR reserves the right not to make an appointment.

Only potential short-list candidates will be contacted. Should you not have heard from us by **12 November 2026**, please consider your application unsuccessful.