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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

SENIOR TECHNICIAN (MECHANICAL)

(PEROMNES GRADE 9)

FIXED-TERM APPOINTMENT ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2026

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

DISCIPLINE: CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

HOWARD COLLEGE CAMPUS

REF NO: SENGST05/2026

This technical support role involves designing, manufacturing, and constructing equipment and apparatus for undergraduate and postgraduate students and academic staff. The incumbent should be proficient in using various workshop machineries such as Lathes, Milling Machines, woodworking machines, sheet metal equipment, welding equipment, and various hand tools. Additionally, s/he will be responsible for servicing, maintaining, and calibrating equipment in the workshop and laboratories.

Furthermore, s/he will provide expertise and advice to both staff and students, including recommending appropriate materials for project manufacturing and assisting with sourcing quotations. In addition, knowledge of the Occupational Health and Safety Act is crucial for the incumbent. Good Computer skills are necessary for the successful execution of the role.

The incumbent will report to the Principal Technician in Chemical Engineering.

Minimum Requirements:

- Matric plus NTC4 and a relevant recognized Trade qualification in one of the following areas of expertise: (Fitting and Turning; Tool making or Millwright).
- 6 years of Trade/Artisan experience
- A valid unendorsed driver's license.

Short-listed candidates will be required to undergo a skills test to assess:

- General technical skills and proven practical and technical work experience in a workshop environment using workshop machinery and various hand tools, with the ability to cut threads and work to fine tolerances on a lathe
- Metal fabrication experience using more than one type of Welding

Enquiries and details regarding this post, as well as requests for a job profile, may be directed to Dudley Naidoo, 031-260-1126 or email naidoodc@ukzn.ac.za

The remuneration will be in accordance with the University's standard rates of pay.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 17 July 2026.

Applicants are required to complete the relevant application form which is available on the Vacancies website at www.ukzn.ac.za Completed forms may be sent to deanofengineering@ukzn.ac.za

Advert Reference Number MUST be clearly stated in the subject line.

Kindly note that the University of KwaZulu-Natal ("the University") is required to process any Personal Information (as defined by the Protection of Personal Act, 2013 "POPIA") submitted by candidates when applying for positions at the University. The provision of the Personal Information is a requirement in terms of the University's recruitment and selection process. The retention of any personal information is as a consequence of the University being bound by legislative requirements and/or good governance practices as well as record keeping for statistical purposes. The University will endeavour to ensure that the appropriate security measures are in place and implemented for both electronic and paper-based formats that are used for processing of the personal information recorded through this recruitment and selection process.