
GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

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LARGE ACCOUNT UNIT DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS IMMIGRATION SERVICES

BACKGROUND

The Department of Home Affairs has established a specialized unit to facilitate the work permits applications of large companies and further manage the Stakeholder relations. The work of this unit will help to alleviate the pressure of skills shortages in a growing economy.

The Unit is similar to the Large Business Centre (LBC) operated by the South African Revenue Service and it is established to service South Africa's large companies. The Department of Home Affairs invites large companies to apply to be serviced by the Large Account Unit at no cost.

LARGE ACCOUNT SELECTION CRITERIA

A total of number of fifty (50) companies will be selected for the expansion of the Large Account Unit. In order to ensure that the selection process of companies is fair, ethical and transparent, the Department of Home Affairs will make use of the **following score card system**:

- (1) The number of permits involved – this will be counted in man-years over the coming three (3) years (2009/2010, 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 – Twenty (20) points.
- (2) Magnitude of the incremental Capex spend over the coming three years (2009/2010, 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 – Twenty (20) points.
- (3) National priority – relevance of the permit request to development of national infrastructure – Twenty (20) points.

- (4) Scarcity skills component – percentage of permits contained in the notice contemplated in section 19 (1) of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002) – Twenty (20) points.
- (5) Transfer of skills – related efforts by the relevant corporate applicant to transfer imported skills to locals – Twenty (20) points.

LARGE ACCOUNT SELECTION PROCESS

- Twenty (20) large companies will be selected in the 2009/2010 financial year, fifteen (15) large companies will be selected in the 2010/2011 financial year and a further fifteen (15) will be selected in the 2011/2012 financial year.
 - Interested large companies within South Africa interested to be considered for registration with the Large Account Unit are required to submit applications to Adv Maemo Machethe, Directorate: Large Account Unit, Waltloo, Pretoria, by e-mail to maemo.machethe@dha.gov.za or ankie.smith@dha.gov.za or forwarding the same via facsimile to (012) 8108424/7137, for the attention of Adv Machethe or Ms A Smith.
 - The cut-off date for submission of applications is ten (10) working days after the date of publication of this notice.
 - Applications must be submitted in writing and should not exceed two (2) A4 pages in length.
 - Applications must be signed by the Applicants or their Immigration Practitioner, where such Practitioner exists.
 - Applications must contain all information specified in the Large Account Unit Selection Criteria set out above.
 - The scored results will be validated by a selected Advisory Committee composing of various Government Departments.
 - The Department of Home Affairs will make the final selection and the applicants will be advised of the outcome.
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