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Department Of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) Internships 2026/2027 For Cadet Programme

Description

The Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) invites applications from confident and dynamic unemployed individuals for its General Internship and Cadet Programmes. These programs are designed to provide recent graduates with the opportunity to gain practical experience and professional development in fields related to international relations, governance, and diplomacy.

The DIRCO Internship and Cadet Programmes aim to equip participants with the knowledge, skills, and experience necessary for a career in international relations, diplomacy, and public governance. Participants in the **Cadet Programme 2025 – 2027** will receive in-depth training and exposure to the international relations landscape, with a focus on South Africa's role in global and continental governance.

Responsibilities

During the Internship and Cadet Programmes, participants will:

- Engage in research and analysis on topics related to international relations, foreign policy, and governance.
- Assist in the preparation of reports and presentations on international trade, investment, and political affairs.
- Participate in discussions on national and global governance issues, multilateralism, and diplomacy.
- Collaborate with diverse teams to support the department's goals in international cooperation and foreign policy development.
- Build professional networks and relationships within the department and with external stakeholders.
- Gain a deeper understanding of South African foreign policy and international diplomatic practices.

Qualifications

Applicants for the Cadet Programme must possess a 3-year NQF Level 7 qualification in one of the following disciplines:

- International Relations
- African Studies
- Political Science
- Economics
- Law
- International Trade and Investment
- Political Economy
- Development Studies
- Development Economics
- Public Governance
- Public Administration

To be eligible for the DIRCO Internship and Cadet Programmes, applicants must

Hiring organization

Department Of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO)

Employment Type

Intern

Duration of employment

24 months

Industry

Government Internships

Job Location

Pretoria, Gauteng, South Africa, 0002, Pretoria, Gauteng, South Africa

Working Hours

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Base Salary

R7 450.63

Date posted

November 19, 2024

Valid through

31.12.2026

meet the following criteria:

- Must hold a relevant qualification (NQF Level 7) in one of the specified fields of study.
- Must be a first-time applicant for any Cadet, Internship, or Learnership Programme.
- Must be a South African citizen between the ages of 18 and 35 as of the closing date of applications.

Skills and Competencies:

Successful candidates will possess the following skills and competencies:

- Strong interpersonal and communication (both verbal and written) skills.
- Proficiency in computer literacy.
- Strong research and analytical abilities.
- Initiative and a strong sense of responsibility.
- Ability to build professional networks and maintain relationships.
- Strong problem-solving and decision-making skills.
- Team leadership, with an emphasis on managing diversity.
- Customer-focused approach and responsiveness.
- Applied strategic thinking and negotiation skills.
- Sensitivity to cultural and security issues.
- Knowledge of South African foreign policy, national policies, and priorities.
- Understanding of international trade, investment, political science, and international relations.
- Familiarity with governance at the global and African levels, including multilateralism.

Job Benefits

- Comprehensive exposure to international relations, diplomacy, and governance.
- Hands-on experience in research, policy development, and international trade.
- Professional development opportunities, including leadership and strategic thinking training.
- Opportunity to work in a dynamic and diverse environment.
- Networking opportunities with professionals in government and international organizations.

How to Apply?

To apply for the DIRCO Internship and Cadet Programmes 2026/2027, applicants must submit the following:

- A comprehensive CV.
- Certified copies of qualifications.
- A certified copy of their South African ID.

Only applicants who meet the specified criteria will be considered for these programs.