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Banana Ripening Technician

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Closing Date: 31 August 2026

1. About Us

Mpumalanga International FoodMarket (MIF), is a new platform for connecting production, opportunity, and demand - creating a fresh start for farmers, traders, buyers, job seekers and the national food economy. It is not simply another place for work, but a modern workplace and hub for human connection.

2. Job Specification

Personnel (2x) to serve as Banana Ripening Technician (BRT), to manage and oversee all aspects of banana handling and ripening operations. The successful candidate will be responsible for ensuring the consistent delivery of high-quality fruit through effective monitoring of ripening conditions, quality assurance procedures, and maintenance of ripening facilities.

3. Core Responsibilities

- Ripening Operations: Manage and coordinate all banana ripening activities to achieve optimal fruit quality and meet delivery schedules.
- Environmental Monitoring: Monitor and adjust temperature, humidity, and ventilation levels within ripening chambers to maintain ideal ripening conditions.
- Quality Control: Conduct routine quality inspections before, during, and after the ripening process to ensure products meet required standards.
- Ripening Cycle Management: Develop, implement, and monitor ripening programs and schedules based on product requirements and market demand.
- Equipment Maintenance: Perform routine checks and coordinate maintenance of ripening equipment to ensure operational efficiency.
- Post-Ripening Handling: Oversee post-ripening processes, including storage, handling, and preparation of fruit for dispatch.
- Record Keeping: Maintain accurate records of ripening conditions, quality assessments, stock movements, and operational activities.

4. Required Qualifications & Skills

- Experience: 1 to 3 years of experience in fruit handling, ripening operations, cold storage, agriculture, fresh produce, or a related field.
- Qualifications: Grade 12 (Matric) required. A certificate, diploma, or qualification in Agriculture, Food Technology, Horticulture, or a related discipline will be advantageous.
- Communication: Good verbal and written communication skills with the ability to work effectively within a team environment.
- Attention to Detail: Strong ability to monitor product quality and identify defects or deviations from standards.
- Problem Solving: Ability to troubleshoot ripening issues and implement corrective actions efficiently.
- Technical Skills: Understanding of fruit ripening processes, temperature and humidity control systems, and quality assurance procedures.

5. Job Application

MIF has partnered with the Department of Employment and Labour to facilitate and handle all job applications through the Department's Employment Services of South Africa (ESSA)

6. How to apply

- If you have an Active ESSA Online Account, visit the portal and click on Search Opportunity using the Reference Number listed above and submit the application.
- To create an Active ESSA Online Account, visit the link <https://essa.labour.gov.za/EssaOnline/WebBeans/> and follow the guidelines listed below.
 1. Capture the email address
 2. A password will be sent to your email address
 3. Use your ID Number as a **Username**
 4. Copy the password received and paste or type it on the log in the screen
 5. Complete all sections on ESSA

NOTE: The above is the only channel available to access job opportunities at MIF.



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