
Position:	Politics Reporter
Reporting to:	Politics Editor
Publications:	The Herald and Weekend Post
Location:	Port Elizabeth

POSITION OVERVIEW

As a reporter, the political reporter may perform many of the same tasks as members of the reporting team. But the applicant must have strong research skills that will help produce watchdog journalism and uncover stories that contribute to the Eastern Cape's greater good. The political reporter must use their judgment and experience to set the news agenda. They will be called upon to focus on local, national news coverage. Only those that have the skills and resources to deliver hard-hitting news stories should apply. The successful candidate will provide content for both print and online, and must be an active participant on social media and demonstrate a working knowledge of digital platforms.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES / OUTCOMES

- Good coverage of the EC legislature, local and regional politics;
- Produce well-written, relevant, accurate and balanced news stories for print and online publications
- Produce exclusive accountability stories and investigative projects;
- Establish and maintain communication with contacts with a view to sourcing stories;
- Work to established style and deadlines;
- Ensure delivery of high-quality stories;
- Perform any other duty as is reasonably assigned by the News desk.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- Relevant Degree/Diploma in journalism;
- At least 3 years' experience in journalism;
- Excellent news gathering, research and writing skills;
- Ability to work accurately under pressure and adhere to strict deadlines;
- Excellent communication skills;
- Unimpeachable integrity;
- A solid contact base; and
- Ability to travel and work irregular hours.

PERSONAL SKILLS/ATTRIBUTES:

- Be self-motivated with an ability to work within a team;
- A valid driver's licence;
- A good knowledge of the Eastern Cape landscape; and
- A good understanding of the local and regional political environment.

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Applications and CV's should be addressed to email:
ecrecruitment@tisoblackstar.co.za

Closing date: Friday, 13 December 2019

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