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DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

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INVITATION TO FILM AND PRODUCTION FEDERATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO SUBMIT AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN THE SCREEN TALENT AND GLOBAL ENTERTAINMENT SCHEME ("STAGES") OF

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BACKGROUND

1. In a critical step to reform the visa system and position the Department of Home Affairs as an economic enabler by enhancing tourism through film production in South Africa, the Department is inviting Film Producer Federations and Organisations to submit an Expression of Interest for admission to the Screen Talent and Global Entertainment Scheme ("STAGES"), subject to the qualifying criteria.
2. With an initial focus on the burgeoning opportunities and markets of film production in South Africa, the STAGES will remove some of the key obstacles standing in the way of South Africa becoming a favoured destination for the production of film and modelling agencies.
3. Through the STAGES, the Department aims to put in place a visa regime that will provide the trusted film industry partners with access to a simplified procedure to

assist their member companies with obtaining visas for film crews, etc. The process will entail reduced requirements for visa applications from the film industry, based on predictable, reasonable criteria, without consuming excessive administrative capacity or time.

4. The STAGES will, subject to risk profile, allow visa applications to be submitted by an accredited film industry partner as per the Memorandum of Agreement concluded with the STAGES, which will regulate and prescribe the minimal supporting documents.
5. To qualify for membership in the STAGES, a federation or organisation needs to demonstrate that it adheres to the regulatory requirements in the business sector and that it has relevant experience in facilitating film productions.

SELECTION CRITERIA

In order to ensure that the selection process is fair, ethical and transparent, the Department of Home Affairs will make use of the following scorecard system:

Pathway 1: South African-Based Federations/ Organisations/ Associations

ITEM NO.	FACTOR	POINTS
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEGAL COMPLIANCE: Proof of office/company legal registration in the country. • Comply with SARS Regulations and be in good standing with SARS. 	50
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE: Relevant experience in operating as a Federation/ Organisation / Association managing film production and film crews (number of years in operation). 	30

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 0 to less than 2 years = 0 points ✓ 2 to 3 years = 20 points ✓ 3 to 5 years or more = 30 points 	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPERATING EXPERIENCE: Number of film production projects facilitated in South Africa over the past 3 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 0 to less than 49 projects = 0 points ✓ 50 – 100 projects facilitated - 20 points ✓ 100 and more projects facilitated – 30 points 	30
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECONOMIC IMPACT: Declaration of track record of attracting and facilitating Foreign Direct Investment annually through productions signed by the CEO or MD / Head of the organisation, federation or association. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Less than R100 million annually = 0 points ✓ R100 million annually = 20 points ✓ R200 million annually = 30 points 	30
TOTAL		140

NB: A Federation, Organisation or Association must meet the mandatory legal requirements and must obtain a minimum threshold of 120 points for selection into the STAGES.

Pathway 2: Foreign-based Federations/ Organisations/ Associations

ITEM NO.	FACTOR	POINTS
1	<p>LEGAL COMPLIANCE: Proof of office/company legal registration in the country of origin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 50 points (mandatory requirements) 	50
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE: Relevant experience in operating as a Federation/ Organisation / Associations 	30

	<p>managing production companies and film crews (number of years in operation).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Less than 2 years = 0 points ✓ 2 to 3 years = 20 points ✓ 3 to 5 years or more = 30 points 	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPERATING EXPERIENCE: Number of film production projects facilitated in South Africa over the past 3 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 0 to less than 49 projects = 0 points ✓ 50 – 100 projects facilitated = 20 points ✓ 100 and more projects facilitated = 30 points 	30
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECONOMIC IMPACT: Declaration of track record of attracting and facilitating Foreign Direct Investment annually through productions signed by the CEO or MD / Head of the organisation, Federation or Association. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Less than R100 million annually = 0 points ✓ R100 million annually = 20 points ✓ R200 million annually = 30 points 	30
5	COLLABORATION: Partnering with a South African Federation, Organisation or Association facilitating Film Production.	30
TOTAL		170

NB: A foreign-based Federation/ Organisation/ Association must meet the mandatory legal requirements (registered with the relevant Government body item 1 above) and must obtain a minimum threshold of 150 points for selection into the STAGES.

For more information on the application process, qualification criteria, determination, and point awarding, kindly visit the Department's website at www.dha.gov.za.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Federations, Organisations and Associations concerned with facilitating film production companies, who meet the selection criteria published in this *Gazette*, and who are interested in being considered for admission to the STAGES, should submit their Expression of Interest Form and supporting documents using the STAGES' link available from the Department's website at www.dha.gov.za or at <https://touroperator.dha.gov.za:8443/>
2. Applications must be submitted in English and must contain all information specified in the selection criteria set out above, supported with a portfolio of evidence, as well as the documents mentioned in the digital application form.
3. The scored results will be assessed and validated by an Inter-Departmental Committee, comprising one or more Technical Officials from, but not limited to, the Department of Home Affairs, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, the Department of Arts and Culture and any other relevant government Department. The STAGES Inter-Departmental Committee will, after assessing and validating the application, make recommendations to the Minister of Home Affairs, who will take the final decision on the application.
4. The Department of Home Affairs will communicate the final decision on the application to the applicant. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their applications **within 30 working days** from the closing date of this Notice.
5. Federations, Organisations or Associations that are approved for admission to the scheme will be required to pay a processing fee of R1520 per submission of a group of 01 - 25 digital visa applications on the STAGES platform.
6. The Department of Home Affairs reserves the right to grant or withdraw a STAGES status to any Federation, Organisation or Association.
7. The closing date will be **30 calendar days** from the date of publication of this Notice. Any application received after the closing date of this Notice will not be considered.

8. Applicants are advised to note that the Department of Home Affairs is undergoing a process of digital transformation and reserves the right to make changes to the application platform as part of this ongoing process.



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