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## **NOTICE OF CALL FOR APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST COMMITTEE (NEMLC) AND/OR EXPERT REVIEW COMMITTEE/S (ERCs)**

Hereby, the National Department of Health calls for applications from suitably qualified individuals for appointments to the National Essential Medicines List Committee (NEMLC) and/or Expert Review Committee/s (ERC/s). The NEMLC is a non-statutory, advisory, Committee constituted in terms of the National Drug Policy (1996) and appointed by the Minister of Health for a period of 3 to 4 years or as determined by the Minister of Health.

The primary objective of the NEMLC is to primarily develop and review a list of essential medicines for use in the public health sector, based on a structured, evidence-based, objective and robust decision-making framework, which includes, but is not limited to, considerations of public health relevance, safety, efficacy, effectiveness and affordability. This list of medicines is prepared for three levels of care, *i.e.* primary, secondary (district and regional) and tertiary/quaternary levels, and is accompanied, where applicable, by the Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs).

The ERC/s are responsible for providing recommendations to the NEMLC on the selection of essential medicines for primary healthcare, adult, paediatric and tertiary and quaternary hospital levels of care. The objective of the ERC/s is to appraise and assess evidence across multiple health topics across the STGs and EML and support the topic prioritisation process (with approval by NEMLC).

South African citizens, or permanent residents are eligible for appointment if they have suitable knowledge, skills, expertise and work experience in at least one of the following areas (refer to the Essential Drugs Programme Committee Application Form for further details):

- Evidence-based medicine
- Clinical subject matter experts
- Clinical practice guideline development
- Clinical trials
- Epidemiology
- Health economics
- Health technology assessment
- Medicine safety
- Rational medicines use
- Pharmacoeconomics
- Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committees
- Public health and policy

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Appointed members would be expected to comply with the NEMLC Terms of Reference including the Code of Conduct, Declaration of Interest Policy and Confidentiality Guideline. The NEMLC Terms of Reference and the Affordable Medicines Directorate Declaration of Interest Policy and the NEMLC Confidentiality Guideline may be accessed on the Governance and Policies tab on the following link <https://www.health.gov.za/nhi-edp-stgs-eml/>.

The NEMLC and ERCs, are intended to be representative of the geographic and demographic diversity of South Africa. Although the NEMLC and ERCs cannot accommodate every clinical specialist area as part of the core membership, there are mechanisms in place to collaborate with experts in specific clinical areas e.g. co-option onto the Committees for a limited period based on the topics identified for review.

The National Department of Health reserves the right to verify details submitted and to subject candidates to the necessary security clearance. Correspondence will be limited to selected candidates only. Applicants may be contacted for a virtual interview if deemed necessary. Declared Conflicts of Interest will be considered when assessing eligibility for appointments to the NEMLC and/or the ERC/S.

How to apply:

***Additional supporting documentation is not required at this stage.*** All applicants are required to complete the **electronic form at the link provided below:**

Electronic Form Links:

NEMLC Application: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc15G77UYXunsxmxwc-zNSi9cUpoAlgAJqTBv8Zy9o6zJ5BrQ/viewform?usp=header>

ERC/s Application:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgcQmbqC7fvXwcePwQpFdmMgLVJKnlgadgB8pDuByfsalSrA/viewform?usp=header>

Please note that the information provided will only be used for the purposes of committee recruitment.

Individuals may apply to both the NEMLC and ERC/s. Applications must be received by **28 February 2025**. Your co-operation in this regard is appreciated.

Kind regards



**DR SSS BUTHELEZI**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL: HEALTH**  
**DATE: 27 January 2025**