CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF THE VALUATION APPEAL BOARD STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY

Interested and qualified practitioners are invited to apply for the Valuation Appeal Board for Stellenbosch Municipality in terms of section 58 of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (Act 6 of 2004) ("the MPRA").

COMPOSITION OF THE VALUATION APPEAL BOARD AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT

The Valuation Appeal Board must consist of the following:

POSITION	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT
A Chairperson	• The Chairperson must be a person with legal qualifications and sufficient experience in the administration of justice (e.g. sufficient experience as a judge, magistrate, other judicial officer, chairperson of a statutory tribunal or body, or any other person with similar experience).
Other members	• Sufficient knowledge of or experience in the valuation of property. • At least one member (other than the chairperson) must be a Professional Valuer registered in terms of the Property Valuers Profession Act, 2000 (Act 47 of 2000); or • A Professional Associated Valuer, without restrictions and with at least ten years' experience, registered in terms of the Property Valuers Profession Act, 2000 (Act 47 of 2000).

All members of the Valuation Appeal Board will be appointed by the Provincial Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ("the Provincial Minister") in terms of section 58(2) of the MPRA, taking into account the need for representivity, including gender representivity, and after following due process.

Pursuant to section 64 of the MPRA, the Provincial Minister may appoint alternate members of the Valuation Appeal Board to act as members of the Valuation Appeal Board when a member is absent. Any person appointed as the alternate for the chairperson of the Valuation Appeal Board must be a person with legal qualifications as mentioned in the table above.

In line with regulation 7(3) of the Municipal Property Rates Regulations, 2006, members of the Valuation Appeal Board will, as far as possible, be appointed from within:

- The jurisdiction of STELLENBOSCH (WC024); or
- If this is not possible, the jurisdiction of neighbouring municipalities, even if a neighbouring municipality falls within the jurisdiction of another province (with due care being given to the distances members will travel to and from their homes to hear appeal cases).

The term of office of members of a valuation appeal board is four years, but members are eligible to be re-appointed.

In line with section 59(1) of the MPRA, any person who falls within one or more of the following categories is disqualified from being appointed as a member of a valuation appeal board:

(a) An unrehabilitated insolvent;
(b) A person under curatorship;
(c) A person declared to be of unsound mind by a court of the Republic of South Africa;
(d) A person, who after 24 April 1994, was convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment with an option of a fine for a period of not less than 12 months (provided that such disqualification ends five years after the imprisonment has been completed);

(e) A person who has been disqualified in terms of applicable legislation from practicing as a valuer or lawyer; or

(f) A person who is in arrears to a municipality for rates or service charges for a period longer than three months.

FUNCTIONS OF THE VALUATION APPEAL BOARD

The functions of the Valuation Appeal Board for Stellenbosch Municipality are the following:

- To hear and decide appeals against the decisions of a municipal valuer concerning objections to matters reflected in, or omitted from, the valuation roll of Stellenbosch Municipality.
- To review decisions of a municipal valuer submitted in terms of section 52 of the MPRA; and
- All other functions provided for in the MPRA.

REMUNERATION

Remuneration payable to members of the Valuation Appeal Board will be determined annually in accordance with the remuneration tariffs approved by the Minister of Finance for non-official members of Commissions of Inquiry in terms of Regulation 20.2.2 of the National Treasury Regulations,

The current maximum remuneration payable per day and per hour to non-official members of Commissions of Inquiry (which include non-official members of valuation appeal boards) are, with effect from 1 April 2022, are as follows:

- Chairperson: R5 387.00 per day / R673.00 per hour; and
- A member other than a chairperson: R4 005.00 per day / R501.00 per hour.

Travel allowances payable will be determined with reference to applicable national tariffs of the Department of Transport.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Each application must contain at least the following:

- A clear indication of the position on the Valuation Appeal Board to which the application relates. Where the applicant intends applying as a Professional Valuer or Professional Associated Valuer, this must also be indicated in the application;
- Applicants may apply to be considered for more than one position on the Valuation Appeal Board.
- As such, a clear indication of whether the applicant is amenable to being appointed as an alternate member of the Valuation Appeal Board should his or her application to be appointed as a member of the Valuation Appeal Board be unsuccessful.
- Where no indication is made in this regard, it will be assumed that the applicant is not amenable to being appointed as an alternate of the Valuation Appeal Board.
- A clear indication of whether the application only concerns appointment as an alternate member of the Valuation Appeal Board and, if so, a clear indication of which position on the Valuation Appeal Board the application concerns (e.g. alternate member for the chairperson). Where no indications are made in this regard, it will be assumed that the application does not concern alternate member positions;
- An unabridged CV detailing the applicant's knowledge, experience and suitability for the position;
- Certified copies of the applicant's qualifications;
- Certified copies of the applicant's professional registration (if applicable);
- A certified copy of the applicant's ID document / passport (copies of driver's licences are not acceptable); and
- An original copy of the Declaration of Eligibility duly completed and signed by the applicant (copies of the Declaration of Eligibility are available from the municipal offices of Stellenbosch Municipality or may be downloaded via the municipal website.
- A certified copy of the current month's municipal account.

Applications must be clearly marked "Valuation Appeal Board" and must be emailed to pieter.wagener@stellenbosch.gov.za or hand-delivered to:
The Manager Revenue, Stellenbosch Municipality, Neethlinghuis, Ryneveld Street, Stellenbosch

Enquiries regarding the above may be directed to the following person within the Stellenbosch Municipality during office hours:

- Mr JP Wagener (Manager Revenue)
- Tel: 021 - 808 8531
- Email: Pieter.wagener@stellenbosch.gov.za

Applications for the abovementioned positions must be received by the Office of the Municipal Manager of Stellenbosch Municipality by no later than 15h30 on 25 April 2025.

Applications that do not meet the requirements set out above, and applications received by the Stellenbosch Municipality after the date and time stipulated above, will not be considered.

Please note that, should no feedback be received from Stellenbosch Municipality by applicants in respect of their applications by 30 June 2025, applicants may assume that their applications have been unsuccessful.