Validations Officer Vacancy

Reference: RQA02

Employment Type	Five-year renewable contract.
Reference Number:	**RQA02.** Applicants are required to reference RQA02 in all application-related communications.
Location:	Nuclear Medicine Research Infrastructure (NuMeRI) NPC, NuMeRI Main Centre, Steve Biko and Malan Street, Pretoria, 0084**.**
Closing date:	**04 Sep 2026**

Employer Background:

The Radiopharmacy within the Nuclear Medicine Research Infrastructure (NuMeRI) is seeking a highly skilled Validations Officer. NuMeRI is part of the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation's (DSTI) South African Research Infrastructure Roadmap (SARIR), established in 2015. NuMeRI aims to consolidate expertise and implement new strategic initiatives in nuclear technologies in medicine and biosciences. This initiative significantly enhances Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) capacity in South Africa. NuMeRI supports healthcare research and development and is committed to transforming nuclear medicine field through ground-breaking research, promoting collaboration, and driving innovation to improve patient care, inform teaching and learning practices, and enhance outcomes. This research facility focuses on drug development and clinical research, driving new strategic initiatives in research and development, and is a global player in RDI.

NuMeRI houses major five units, namely, Pre-Clinical Imaging, Radiopharmacy, Clinical Theragnostic Centre, BTR and Medical Physics and Radiobiology. NuMeRI with its affiliated institutions provides comprehensive theragnostics in cancer care to patients. It is the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Anchor Centre for teaching and training and offers open collaborations with national and international institutions.

About the Radiopharmacy:

NuMeRI Radiopharmacy, centre for radiopharmaceutical production, houses a state-of-the-art cyclotron for producing high-quality radionuclides used to produce various radiopharmaceuticals. We boast an exceptionally talented team of Radiopharmacists, and Radiochemists committed to advancing the field. Our primary focus is on providing customised solutions for targeted therapeutics and diagnostic imaging while maintaining safety, quality and effectiveness. With state-of-the-art technology and specialised knowledge, NuMeRI

Radiopharmacy, is dedicated to clinical and research excellence. We are committed to leading the way in revolutionising patient care.

A Validation Officer will take a strategic role in ensuring the continued state of qualification and validation across the facility, providing oversight of validation activities to ensure that facilities, utilities, equipment, processes, cleaning procedures, and computerised systems remain compliant with GMP and applicable regulatory requirements. They will assist in implementing and maintaining robust quality systems, risk management principles, cross-functional collaboration, continual monitoring, and adherence to applicable regulatory requirements, thereby ensuring patient safety and product quality.

Post Requirements

Qualifications:

- B.Sc / B. Pharm or equivalent (higher qualifications may be advantageous)
- Minimum of 1 year in a cGMP manufacturing environment (with exposure to validations).
- Excellent communication skills for technical reporting and stakeholder engagement.
- Strong organizational and project management abilities.

Knowledge and Skills:

- Strong understanding of validation principles.
- Capable of problem-solving, recognizing the need for action, considering potential risks, and taking responsibility for outcomes.
- Excellent analytical skills with a keen attention to detail.
- Demonstrate ability to work effectively in multidisciplinary teams.
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills.
- Must be able to cross collaborate with other teams and institutions towards the enrichment of the Radiopharmacy field.
- Experience in sterile manufacturing will be an added advantage.

Professional Attributes:

- Exceptional standards for accuracy and the ability to meet deadlines.
- Highly motivated, systematic, and detail-oriented.
- Stakeholder relationships.
- Producing high-quality reports.
- Ability to work extended hours when required.
- Integrity and high ethical standards.
- Ability to manage multiple tasks.

Key Responsibilities

- Develop, review and control validation documents (Protocols, Report SOPs, trainings, work instructions, specifications, forms) in accordance with cGMP.
- Lead validation and technology transfer activities.
- Ensure document control and version management of validation documents.
- Ensure validation lifecycle is maintained for all equipment and processes.
- Promote a culture of quality throughout the organization.
- Conduct risk assessments and recommend risk mitigation strategies.
- Participate in vendor qualifications pertaining to validations or as needed.
- Provide QA oversight over production and QC activities.
- Assist inspection readiness and participate in self-inspections.
- Ensure training requirements and protocol requirements are met.
- Analyse quality trends.
- Ensure proper implementation of Validation Master Plan.
- Review manufacturing and packaging records for completeness and compliance and ensure all quality requirements are met.
- Assist in QA tasks as allocated from time to time.
- Manufacturing process optimization.
- Assist during regulatory inspections and customer audits.

Registration with a Professional Council

- Qualifications must be from an accredited institution of higher learning.

Application details:

- This is a five-year, renewable contract position.
- NuMeRI will offer a total cost-to-company remuneration package, which will be determined based on the candidate's qualifications and experience.
- Applicants must include the post-reference number in their application (RQA02).
- Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by Human Resource (HR) and required to submit certified copies of their educational qualifications and other relevant documents (dated within the last 6 months) before the interview.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to have foreign qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).
- Suitable candidates will undergo vetting and pre-employment suitability checks.

- Please be aware that this job description provides a general overview of the role and may not cover all activities, duties, or responsibilities required. Responsibilities and duties may be adjusted as and when the need arises.
- For further inquiries, please contact Mr Qiniso Zikhali via email at **Qiniso.Zikhali@sanumeri.co.za**.
- Interested candidates should send their CV, a cover letter of motivation, and contact details of three referees to Ms. Ntombi Ditlopo via email at **recruitment@sanumeri.co.za**.
- All applications must be submitted to HR by 04 Sep 2026 16:00.