

# KOM HUISTOE-NUUSBRIEF

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Liewe Lesers

Groete uit Pretoria!

Soos gebruiklik, begin ons met die noodsaaklike herhalings ... Hierdie is die gratis nuusbrieff van die Kom Huistoe-Veldtog van AfriForum vir alle Suid-Afrikaners wat na Suid-Afrika wil terugkeer, reeds terug is of besig is om terug te keer. Om op die nuusbrieff in of uit te teken, kommentaar te lewer of 'n bydrae te stuur, kontak ons by [alana@solidariteit.co.za](mailto:alana@solidariteit.co.za). Merk die e-pos "INTEKEN", "UITTEKEN" of met die onderwerp van julle keuse. Die nuusbrieff verskyn maandeliks in beide Afrikaans en Engels en nuwe intekenaars is altyd welkom. Onthou ook dat ons die medewerkers en adverteerders wel deeglik keur, maar geen waarborge vir hulle dienste kan voorsien nie en nie vir hulle aksies verantwoordelik gehou kan word nie. Lewer asseblief ook kommentaar op hulle dienslewering.

Hierdie maand is daar weer soos gebruiklik heelwat nuttige wenke en ons sê dankie aan almal wat inligting bygedra het, of vrae gevra het wat die insette moontlik gemaak het! Doe' so voort asseblief!

## IMFO

Annatjie het pas weer ons gratis brosjure met inligting oor lewenskoste in Suid-Afrika opdateer. Om dit gratis te ontvang, hoef julle slegs 'n e-pos met die onderwerp "IMFO" te stuur aan [alana@solidariteit.co.za](mailto:alana@solidariteit.co.za).

## MEDIESE FONDSTE

Op soek na 'n goeie skema? Besoek die volgende webwerwe en vergelyk voordele en pryse:

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[www.medihelp.co.za](http://www.medihelp.co.za)  
[www.sizwe.co.za](http://www.sizwe.co.za)  
[www.ingwehealth.co.za](http://www.ingwehealth.co.za)  
[www.fedhealth.co.za](http://www.fedhealth.co.za)  
[www.pharos.co.za](http://www.pharos.co.za)  
[www.momentumhealth.co.za](http://www.momentumhealth.co.za)  
[www.telemed.co.za](http://www.telemed.co.za)  
[www.oxygen.co.za](http://www.oxygen.co.za)

## HULP GEVRA - DEEL ERVARINGS ...

Ela skryf: *My husband, my son and I are South Africans seriously considering returning back to South Africa this year. I wonder if you could help with the following: I would love to get in contact with some other parents who have lived abroad for more than 5 years and already returned. Thanks in advance.*

As julle aan haar wil skryf – haar adres is [ela.defreitas@gmail.com](mailto:ela.defreitas@gmail.com).

### POS VIR ONDERWYSER(ES)

Julle weet nie dalk van 'n baie oulike onderwyseres wat werk soek nie? Iemand wat selfgemotiveerd is, 'n “go-getter” wat sal help ontwikkel aan 'n klein privaatskooltjie? Die posisie is in die Strand. Dit is vir 'n dubbelmedium klassie van Graad 4 tot 6. Kontaknommer: Cherylee of Riaan Jordaan, 0027-72-6001141.

### KORRESPONDENSIE OOR DIE KUNDIGHEIDSTEKORT

Na aanleiding van vrae oor die kundigheidstekort in ons vorige nuusbrief, het ons die volgende briewe ontvang:

**Dear Alana**

**Responding to the skills shortage - Peter's issue - I am in a similar situation than Peter. It took three years for an organisation in South Africa to offer employment to me. Why? Because I am white and middle aged, seen as a racist and the majority of organisations regard you as obsolete (45 years old). I cannot apply for an business loan, because I must have a business partner from an disadvantaged background. Apart from the PhD program that I follow, I have a number of other skills such as making furniture, decoupage, building project, farming and so on. I have been loyal to this country for years, but because of my background I actually do not exist. I work in an academic environment with no recognition of my previous experience, if I communicate in Afrikaans I am regarded as the part of the oppressors. I am not entirely satisfied in my environment, but cannot resign or apply for a similiar position because of the color of my skin, and no-one will offer me a position. Our present young active members of our economy are arrogant, selfish and greedy for only money. Have no idea how all this fits in the society, as the examples are set according to our political leaders standards. Sorry to disappoint you Peter, but I would have expected you to stay on in the foreign country, at least you are respected in terms of what you have achieved academically, skill-wise and as human being. Here in South Africa it saddens me to think that we are slowly working towards a poor country, depleting our human and natural resources because of our selfishness and greed.**

**Regards**

**H**

**Beste Alana**

**Begin van vorige jaar wou ek ook terug na Suid-Afrika. Ek het my CV aan vele agente gestuur. Ek het ook gebel met weinig effek. Probleem is dat daar blykbaar geen werk is nie. Ek het ook 'n MSc en daar was vir my gesê kom maar eers na Suid-Afrika en dan kan ons iets reël. Hulle wou nie eens soek vir 'n werk of my op hulle databasis hou nie. Die tye het regtig verander van die dae toe daar eg 'n te kort was aan hoog opgeleide mense. Aan die een kant hoor ons van die sogename "braindrain" en Kom Huistoe-Veldtog, maar aan die ander kant is daar blykbaar geen werk vir mense met opleiding nie. Waarskynlik het SA nie nou mense nodig wat werk soek nie, maar mense nodig wat werk genereer. Dit is waarskynlik 'n hoender en eier dilemma. Wat dink julle is die oplossing vir die probleem of moet ons bly in die buiteland? Ek kan natuurlik heen en weer gaan, 2008 na SA en dan weer 2010 terug na die buiteland. So werk dit ook nie.**

**Groete**

**L**

**Hi Alana**

**In reply to the gentleman who wrote about the shortage of skilled workers. I agree with him about agencies and companies not replying to you. My husband is an Engineer and his CV was sent to agencies, companies and your site, with no replies. A company even advertised on the Come Home site, phone calls were made from the UK to the company, but still no one had decency to reply to the call. If someone has taken the effort and time to send CV or make telephone calls at great expence from UK then the least you can expect is a reply. We have been trying for the last 2**

years to try and take up position so we can move back to the country we want to be in. Someone needs to speak to all those people if they want help finding people then they should do there job correctly. Thanks for letting me say this!

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Ons kan hierby aansluit deur te noem dat Solidariteit pas met 'n veldtog begin het om soveel as moontlik Suid-Afrikaanse ambagsmanne wat nie tans aktief in die arbeidsmark is nie, te betrek om die tekort aan vaardighede in ons land aan te pak en het dringend die CV's van ambagslui nodig. As julle nog nie CVs aan ons gestuur het nie, doen dit asseblief sommer vandag. Gebruik asseblief my adres - [alana@solidariteit.co.za](mailto:alana@solidariteit.co.za).

Die debat duur ook voort – nog bydraes en insette is baie welkom. Ons probeer terugvoer kry hieroor.

### GOEDKOOP VLUGTE TUSSEN SUID-AFRIKA EN AUSTRALASIë

Evert en Delia van Dijk kan steeds hiermee help. Hulle nuwe besonderhede is [evertvandyk@worldonline.co.za](mailto:evertvandyk@worldonline.co.za) of 0027-12-3445748. Hulle kan nou ook vlugte reël na Perth via Mauritius.

### OP SOEK NA 'N KERK IN DIE VREEMDE?



Besoek [www.crossroad.co.za/overseas.htm](http://www.crossroad.co.za/overseas.htm).

### IMMIGRASIE / BURGERSKAPVRAAG

Belinda wou weet: *I was born and grew up in South Africa and 8 years ago moved to the Netherlands to work. During this time I applied for a Dutch passport which I am now in possession of. Having received a Dutch passport, I had to forfeit my South African passport. In December I visited South Africa and used my Dutch passport to enter. On my return to the Netherlands at the South African customs I was told that I had to have a permanent residential sticker in my Dutch passport as I am a born South African. I was not informed about this before then. I would in the future like to return to South Africa. Could someone please help with this question; how can I apply for a permanent residential permit while I am still working and living in the Netherlands?*

*Thanking you  
Belinda*

Dear Belinda

Thank you for interesting question! I gather that you were a South African citizen by birth up to the time when you had to renounce the citizenship to get the Dutch status and passport. In a case such as yours, a former South African normally automatically becomes a South African permanent resident upon renouncing their citizenship. That means that for the rest of their lives they have access to live and work in South Africa, without having to apply for immigration documentation. If they ever decide to do so, they can also have their South African citizenship reinstated. To find out whether you indeed have permanent residence status, you should first apply for a determination of your status, by completing form BI-529 [can be e-mailed to any interested person or downloaded from [www.dha.gov.za](http://www.dha.gov.za)] and adding certified copies to it of :

1. Your unabridged birth certificate;

2. Your marriage certificate (if applicable);
3. Your South African ID/passport, if still available;
4. Your current Dutch passport;
5. Proof that you had renounced the SA citizenship.

Complete the form in as much detail as possible - fill in "Unknown" if you are not sure about details. It is a free process and can be done at any office of the South African Department of Home Affairs, embassy or consulate. The process takes  $\pm$  3 months and at the end you will be informed what your current SA status is. If it confirms that you have permanent residence status, you can have your Dutch passport endorsed accordingly the next time when you visit South Africa again, by applying for the endorsement at a Home Affairs office. The consulates normally prefer that passports should be endorsed in South Africa, and not by them. Hope this helps - more questions are most welcome!

Kind regards  
Alana

### VIND BLYPLEK IN SUID-AFRIKA

Besoek [www.realty-1.co.za](http://www.realty-1.co.za) vir alle eiendoms- en akkommodasie behoeftes.

### VERHUISING VAN ENIGE LAND NA SUID-AFRIKA



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### BESTUURDERSLISENSIES

Terugkerendes het altyd vrae oor die omskakeling van hulle bestuurderslisensies. Gaan kyk gerus na die inligting hieroor by <http://www.arrivealive.co.za/forum2/default.asp?sid=&> en <http://www.arrivealive.co.za/forum2/topic.asp?sid=&id=100>. Dankie aan Jonckie Jonck vir die inligting!

### SONNIGE SUIDKUS

Tertius Bartmann ([jftbartmann@telkomsa.net](mailto:jftbartmann@telkomsa.net)), eiendomsagent van KZN het vir ons die volgende lusmaker gestuur:

Natuurskoon, rustigheid, warm en sonnige klimaat, opwindende vakansie-bestemmings, avontuursport, puik sportgeriewe, kuns- en handwerkprodukte, goue strande, bruisende kusdorpie en wonderlike gasvryheid. Hierdie is maar enkele van die ervarings en geriewe wat u sal beleef en ontdek wanneer u hierdie wonderlike kusgebied van KwaZulu-Natal besoek of hierheen verhuis. Die laer Suidkus van KwaZulu-Natal, ook as die Hibiskus-kus bekend, spog met groen heuwels, subtropiese woude, sprankelende branders en uitstekende swemstrande. Dink net daaraan:

- Natuur- en marinereservate
- Massiewe sardientjiemigrasies in Junie/Julie elke jaar
- Walvis- en dolfynkykeleentede
- Voël-, krokodil- en slangplase
- Meer as 386 voëlspesies in die woud-, kus- en riviergebiede
- Asemrowende avontuursport soos kloofswaai, *abseiling*, witwaterroei, bergfietsry en 4 x 4-roetes

- Nege puik 18-putjie gholfbane
- 'n Skeepswrakmuseum in 'n vuurtoring!
- Uitstekende internasionaal erkende Blou Vlagstrande onder meer te Hibberdene, Ramsgate en Marina Beach wat internasionale standaarde handhaaf ten opsigte van waterkwaliteit, omgewingsopvoeding, veiligheid, netheid, strandgeriewe en lewensreddingsdienste
- Opwindende branderplankomstandighede
- Interessante kuns- en handwerkateljees en –programme
- Groot verskeidenheid puik akkommodasiegeriewe en romantiese uiteetplekke
- Pragtige kUSDorpies soos Shelly Beach, Uvongo, Margate, Ramsgate, Southbroom, Marina Beach, Trafalgar, Palm Beach, Munster, Leisure Bay en Port Edward.

***Dit is binne u bereik! Besoek ons ...of maak die Hibuskus-kus u permanente tuiste!***

### **BELASTINGSAKE**

Fanus Jonck, belastingspesialis, stuur die volgende inligting aan ons:

I am dealing daily with various expats in need of South African tax information. I would like to share the following tax information with you:

1. In both South Africa("SA") and the UK an individual is not taxed on a certain amount of income. In SA the threshold is now R43 000, therefore if you have a choice on the time to come back to SA, do not do that on 28 February – as this is the tax financial year-end! If you want to return back to SA and start working on 1 February in SA you will be able to earn one month's income tax free, if your income is less than R43 000 per month. If you earn more, only the portion that is more than R43 000 will be taxed at 18%, because in SA income between R40 000 and R112 500 is taxed at 18%. The same applies to the UK. If you have therefore a choice on coming back to SA, rather do it between 1 May and 31 January!
2. If you as a SA resident are working in the UK, buy a flat in SA and earn rental income, you will not pay any tax if your rental profit is less than R43 000. That is if you earns no other SA sourced income. You do however still needs to register in SA as a provisional taxpayer. If you have a few properties in SA and some of it is in both your and your spouse's names, then that rental income will be taxed in both your and your spouse's hands. If the two of you therefore receive less than R86 000 in rental profit, you will not pay any tax in South Africa.
3. From 1 October 2001 individuals must include 25% of any taxable capital gains in income and thus taxpayers whom are subject to tax at the 40% marginal rate are taxed at an effective rate of 10% (25% x 40%) on such capital gains. If you are living in a foreign country and sell a South African property or shares, you will not pay any capital gains tax in South Africa if your capital gain is less than R187 000. That is only applicable if you have received no other SA sourced income. Please take note that you will not pay more than 10% of capital gains tax in South Africa if you are selling property or shares in South Africa. To pay at 10% you need to earn more than R450 000 of other South African sourced income. If your property is in a Close Corporation ("CC") and your CC is selling the property, then the CC will pay capital gains tax at 14,5%.
4. If you are outside SA for more than 183 days in any 365 day period then you do not pay tax in SA on your foreign income. If you are leaving SA and for example work in the UK for 5 months, then you need to take another 5 weeks holiday outside SA boundaries not to pay tax in SA on your foreign income.
5. South Africans should use the opportunity to get their tax affairs updated with new Tax Amnesty for small businesses – this apply also to all individuals, trusts and companies that are trading. If you had your own legal firm and did not submit any tax returns for the previous 4 years, you have now just to submit your 2006 tax return and pay 2006 taxes. The same applies if you have for example

two properties in a Close Corporation or Trust or in your own name and you did not declare the rental income. If you have had the properties since 2000, then you should in fact ask an accountant to draft financial statements for all the tax years since you acquired it in the Close Corporation or Trust. If you apply for amnesty, you only need the 2006 financials to be drafted. You are therefore saving both tax and audit fees for the years before the 2006 financial year!

6. If you as South African return from for example the UK, and you have bought a property in the UK from which you are earning rental income, then the Double Tax Agreement (“DTA”) between South Africa and the UK states that rental income from immovable property may be taxed in the state in which such property is situated. Therefore the UK may tax the rental income if you let UK property out. The DTA does not however preclude SA from also taxing the rental income. Where rental income is taxable both in the UK and SA, you would be able to claim a foreign tax credit in your SA annual income tax return to the extent that UK taxes have been paid.
7. Please make sure that if you have assets in various countries that you have a will in each country. If you have a South African will that was drafted by a bank then you need to change it. The banks will not draft a will for you if they are not the executor. Rather have your spouse named as the executor or your child or brother/sister. If you die, then they could go to lawyers or accountants that will be happy to split the executor’s fees with them and do all the necessary work! If your assets are R2 million then the executor fees will amount to R70 000!

Kontak **Fanus Jonck** ([tax@jonck.net](mailto:tax@jonck.net)) gerus met al julle vrae.

### **AFRICANEWS WIRE**

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### **VERHUISING VAN DIE VK NA SUID-AFRIKA**

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### **GROETE!**



Dit is byna Paasfees. Mag dit vir julle 'n spesiale tyd van oordenking wees. Indien julle gaan reis, mag julle dit geniet en veilig tuiskom!

Met mooiste wense

*Alana & kollegas*

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