

**Name:**

Mariëtte Nieuwoudt

Country:

South Africa

Company:

Redsun Dried Fruit & Nuts (Pty) Ltd

Job Title:

Compliance Officer

What is your current role?

I am currently working as a Compliance Officer at Redsun Dried Fruit & Nuts (Pty) Ltd, in Keimoes, Northern Cape, South Africa.

My main responsibilities include maintaining and ensuring on-going compliance of the company's food safety system; assisting with certification and supplier audits; keeping up to date with industry norms, standards together with local- and export legislation and internal and external training requirements.

Why did you join the BRCGS Professional Programme?

To ensure Redsun gain a competitive advantage towards improvement and maintaining of the standard and to be able to deliver the necessary trust to our customers. I also joined the Program to stay up-to-date with food safety best practices and to grow my career

What value do you personally feel the BRCGS Professional certification brings to you?

It also allows me to learn and grow as a Food Safety Officer and gives me the necessary confidence in knowing that I am leading REDSUN in the right direction when it comes to Food Safety.

How has/will the recognition programme impacted your work?

REDSUN is a BRCGS certificated site for 5 years in a row and I plan to use this knowledge to continue to improve our current food safety program.

How did you get to your current role?

As part of my National Diploma I complete a six-month practical assessment course which I did at Helmeringhausen Hotel and Guest Farm in Namibia. I continued working as an Assistant Manager and Front Office Manager in the hospitality industry for another 2 years. Then I took a gap year and worked as a General Manager at GLASSFIT Upington where after I got back in hospitality business as a Restaurant Manager for 5 years at The Karsten Group which is well known in the Fruit and Tree Nut Farming Industry. I got married and took an administration role at a company that supply agrochemicals and fertilizers to local grape growers. That is where I first got involved with product safety requirements. This all provided me with the experience needed to obtain the role I am in today.

What is your educational background?

I matriculated from Duineveld High School in 2002 were after I completed a National Diploma in Tourism & Hospitality Management during 2003 - 2005.)

What are your career ambitions/aims?

My goal is to build on my knowledge of product Safety through learning and networking in the industry. The BRCGS Professional Program contributes greatly towards this aim.