

SOUTH AFRICA FILM COST GUIDELINES - UPDATED DEC 2015

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Important notes

1. All weekly crew rates are based on 5 or 6 day weeks, maximum 72 hours including main meal breaks.
2. Pro-rata during shooting is 1/5th of weekly rate. Pro-rata during prep is 1/6th of weekly rate.
3. Fees are SA Rand(ZAR) based. Exchange rates used: EUR=16 and USD=15. *Indicative only.*
4. Salary rates are for the most experienced personnel only. Low/High ends fluctuate as per market forces.

SELECT CREW		LOW BUDGET			HIGH BUDGET		
		ZAR	EUR	USD	ZAR	EUR	USD
International Line Producer/UPM	weekly	50,000	3,125	3,333	67,500	4,219	4,500
Local Production Executive (exclusive)	weekly	25,000	1,563	1,667	35,000	2,188	2,333
Local Production Executive (non-exclusive)	weekly	18,000	1,125	1,200	20,000	1,250	1,333
Local Line Producer	weekly	15,000	938	1,000	22,000	1,375	1,467
Local Production Manager	weekly	10,000	625	667	15,500	969	1,033
Production Coordinator	weekly	7,500	469	500	9,500	594	633
Location Manager	weekly	12,000	750	800	12,500	781	833
Unit Manager	weekly	9,000	563	600	13,500	844	900
Location Scout	weekly	11,000	688	733	11,000	688	733
Location Assistant	weekly	5,500	344	367	7,000	438	467
Production Assistant	weekly	4,000	250	267	6,500	406	433
Production Accountant	weekly	12,000	750	800	13,500	844	900
Accounts Assistant	weekly	6,500	406	433	8,000	500	533
DOP	weekly	22,000	1,375	1,467	44,000	2,750	2,933
Camera Operator	weekly	20,000	1,250	1,333	25,000	1,563	1,667
HD Operator	weekly	17,000	1,063	1,133	27,000	1,688	1,800
Focus Puller/1st AC	weekly	12,500	781	833	12,500	781	833
2nd AC	weekly	7,000	438	467	7,000	438	467
DIT	weekly	7,500	469	500	12,500	781	833
Accountant	weekly	13,500	844	900	13,500	844	900
Art Director	weekly	12,000	750	800	18,000	1,125	1,200
Art Dept Coordinator	weekly	6,000	375	400	8,000	500	533
Prop Master	weekly	9,000	563	600	15,000	938	1,000
Set Decorator	weekly	11,000	688	733	13,000	813	867
Props Assistant	weekly	4,000	250	267	7,000	438	467
Set Dresser Assistant	weekly	4,000	250	267	5,000	313	333
S/By Set Dresser or Props	weekly	7,500	469	500	9,000	563	600
Swing Gang	weekly	4,000	250	267	7,000	438	467
Buyer	weekly	4,000	250	267	9,000	563	600
Key Make Up/Hair	weekly	9,000	563	600	14,000	875	933
Costume Designer	weekly	7,500	469	500	12,500	781	833
Make Up/Hair Assistant	weekly	5,000	313	333	9,000	563	600
Wardrobe Mistress	weekly	9,000	563	600	11,000	688	733
Wardrobe Assistant	weekly	5,000	313	333	6,000	375	400
Wardrobe Buyer	weekly	6,000	375	400	8,000	500	533
S/By Wardrobe	weekly	5,000	313	333	6,500	406	433
1st AD	weekly	20,000	1,250	1,333	22,000	1,375	1,467
2nd AD	weekly	8,500	531	567	11,000	688	733
3rd AD	weekly	5,500	344	367	7,000	438	467
Script Supervisor	weekly	10,000	625	667	12,500	781	833
Casting Coordinator	weekly	5,000	313	333	9,000	563	600
Dialogue Coach	weekly	10,000	625	667	10,000	625	667
Chief Grip	weekly	12,000	750	800	12,500	781	833
Company Grip	weekly	7,000	438	467	9,000	563	600
Grip Assistant	weekly	4,500	281	300	7,500	469	500
Gaffer	weekly	11,000	688	733	14,000	875	933
Best Boy Electric	weekly	6,000	375	400	8,500	531	567
Electrician/Gennie Op	weekly	5,000	313	333	5,500	344	367
Electrician	daily	1,000	63	67	1,250	78	83
SFX/Stunt Coordinator	weekly	15,000	938	1,000	18,000	1,125	1,200
Construction Coordinator	weekly	12,000	750	800	12,000	750	800
Standby Carpenter	weekly	9,000	563	600	9,000	563	600
Carpentry Foreman	weekly	7,200	450	480	7,200	450	480
Lead Carpenter	weekly	5,400	338	360	5,400	338	360
Set Builder	weekly	4,200	263	280	4,200	263	280
Regular carpenter	weekly	3,600	225	240	3,600	225	240
Junior carpenter	weekly	2,400	150	160	2,400	150	160
Transport Manager	weekly	8,500	531	567	10,000	625	667
Driver 13 hours/day	weekly	3,200	200	213	5,500	344	367

		LOW BUDGET			HIGH BUDGET		
SELECT CREW		ZAR	EUR	USD	ZAR	EUR	USD
Facility driver	weekly	3,200	200	213	6,500	406	433
Marine Coordinator	weekly	12,000	750	800	15,000	938	1,000
Sound Mixer	weekly	10,000	625	667	14,000	875	933
Boom Operator	weekly	8,500	531	567	10,000	625	667
Medic	weekly	7,500	469	500	8,500	531	567
Intern/Trainee	weekly	2,500	156	167	3,500	219	233

TRAVEL & LIVING		ZAR	EUR	USD
Economy flight from London	return trip	20,000	1,250	1,333
Business flight from London	return trip	95,000	5,938	6,333
First Class flight from Los Angeles	return trip	135,000	8,438	9,000
5-star hotel in high season (R1800-R3000)	night	3,000	188	200
5-star hotel in low season (R1500-R2000)	night	2,000	125	133
4-star hotel (R1000-R1500)	night	1,500	94	100
Typical Per Diem (R180 to R350)	daily	350	22	23
3 course meal	allow	200	13	13
One bedroom apartment - low	monthly	20,000	1,250	1,333
One bedroom apartment - high	monthly	40,000	2,500	2,667
Beer from bar	bottle	30	1.88	2.00
Bottled water from supermarket	per 2 litre	20	1.25	1.33

EQUIPMENT		ZAR	EUR	USD
140KVA Generator	weekly	20,000	1,250	1,333
Medium Lighting Package	weekly	110,000	6,875	7,333
Medium Grip Package incl dolly, excl crane	weekly	55,000	3,438	3,667
Alexa with lenses, video and accessories	weekly	77,000	4,813	5,133
20ft Cherry Picker	daily	5,500	344	367

TRANSPORT		ZAR	EUR	USD
14-seater minivan excl insurance	weekly	6,000	375	400
7-seater minivan excl insurance	weekly	5,000	313	333
Medium sized rental car excl insurance	weekly	2,500	156	167
B-class rental car excl. insurance	weekly	1,800	113	120
Star Trailer	weekly	16,000	1,000	1,067
20ft Rib boat excl. fuel	daily	4,750	297	317
20ft Rib boat excl. fuel	weekly	22,000	1,375	1,467
Camera Support Boat excl. fuel	daily	12,500	781	833
Camera Support Boat excl. fuel	weekly	60,000	3,750	4,000
8 Ton Truck excl. insurance	weekly	16,000	1,000	1,067
Diesel	per litre	11.00	0.69	0.73
Petrol	per litre	13.00	0.81	0.87
Taxi from Cape Town airport	trip	300	19	20

TALENT		ZAR	EUR	USD
Extras (550-650R)	per call	650	41	43
Featured Extras	per call	1,000	63	67
Stuntman	per call	2,500	156	167
Lead Actors (R5 to R15k)	per call	15,000	938	1,000
Day players (R4 to R7k)	per call	7,000	438	467

LOCATIONS / STAGES		ZAR	EUR	USD
Government buildings (R5 to R25k)	daily	20,000	1,250	1,333
National Parks/Unique Locations, max. possible	daily	45,000	2,813	3,000
Street closures, per parking bay	per bay	150	9	10
Private grand houses (R5 to R25k)	daily	15,000	938	1,000
Sound Stages including attached facilities	weekly	60	3.75	4.00
Makeshift stages/warehouses	weekly	45	2.81	3.00
Police	hourly	600	37.50	40.00
Security	12hr	330	20.63	22.00

MISCELLANEOUS		ZAR	EUR	USD
Catering (R150 to R200)	per head	180	11	12
Offices (R30k to R80k)	per month	70000	4375	4667
Office Furniture	allow	20000	1250	1333
Copy Machine and Fax (R1900+ 30c/copy)	per month	1900	119	127
Crew fringes	%	4.45	4.45	4.45
VAT (refundable within 21 days)	%	14	14	14
Rebate for 4 wks shoot/50% production in SA	%	20-25	20-25	20-25
Rebate for co-productions net of fees	%	25	25	25