

MANNEQUIN FILM PRODUCTION SERVICES

Based in Johannesburg and Cape Town, Mannequin Film Production Services provides comprehensive solutions for international production companies shooting in South Africa. The company brings together over 50 years of expertise in specialist unit, transport, and line producing services. The Mannequin team has worked across diverse regions, understanding the value of smooth workflows and cost-effective expenditure while remaining sensitive to the creative aspects of filmmaking. Mannequin facilitates all production needs for its projects, including travel and accommodation, visa arrangements, crew and cast hiring, locations, and service suppliers.

LEVEL 2 BBBEE STATUS

Mannequin Films Production Services is a Level 2 BBBEE company, managing rebate applications and claims on behalf of its productions and offering up to 40% returns on production expenditure in South Africa. To date, Mannequin has achieved successful claims on every project it has serviced and produced. Mannequin is committed to meaningful impact in transforming and representing the South African film industry, prioritizing the advancement of talented youth and Black South African filmmakers by providing opportunities to work on both international and local productions.

South Africa: The World in One Country

The Republic of South Africa boasts the oldest film industry in Africa and one of the oldest globally. With over a century of operations, it has produced many acclaimed films using its rich production resources, establishing the country as a premier filming destination. Mannequin is deeply rooted in South Africa's array of filming advantages and brings these strengths to the productions it services.

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Locations

South Africa's diverse geography encompasses a wide variety of natural landscapes and urban settings, making it ideal for doubling international locations. Its latitude provides productions with extended summer days, maximizing shooting windows, along with a favourable climate. South Africa has successfully doubled for locations like Los Angeles, Iran, Afghanistan, Utah, Seattle, London, Surrey, and New York, among others, as well as numerous African countries.

Supporting Locations Catalogue Images

Film Industry: Crews, Equipment, and Infrastructure

Built on a foundation of servicing international films, television projects, and commercials, the South African film industry has cultivated world-class crews, cast, post-production facilities, and gear houses with access to some of the world's best cameras and filming solutions. Cape Town Film Studios, a fully equipped, state-of-the-art facility, has hosted productions like Mad Max: Fury Road, Tomb Raider, Maze Runner: The Death Cure, Black Sails, Good Omens, and the Netflix live-action One Piece.

South African Rebate System Incentives

South Africa's rebate system is one of the most advantageous globally. The value of the Rand against dominant currencies such as the Dollar or Euro enables budgets to stretch further, achieving greater production value. Mannequin is highly skilled in navigating this rebate system and has successfully leveraged it for all its productions. Various incentive programs are available for foreign films and for productions from co-production treaty countries.

(note: exchange rates calculated at S1/R19)

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Foreign Film Incentive

Production and post-production support for non-treaty countries and Hollywood studio projects:

Shooting on location in South Africa: The incentive is calculated at 25% of Qualifying South African Production Expenditure (QSAPE), capped at S1.315 million (R25 million).

An additional 5% of QSAPE is provided for productions that shoot and conduct post-production in South Africa, utilizing the services of a Black-owned service company.

Post-production

For conducting post-production in South Africa, the incentive is calculated at 25% of Qualifying South African Post-Production Expenditure (QSAPPE).

An additional 2.5% of QSAPPE is provided for spending at least S520,000 (R10 million) of the post-production budget in South Africa.

An additional 5% is provided for spending at least S790,000 (R15 million) of the post-production budget in South Africa.

Co-production Incentive

Production and post-production support for official co-productions (for a list of eligible countries, please see [[link to Mannequin Pictures Co-production section](#)]):

The incentive is calculated at 35% of QSAPE.

An additional 5% of QSAPE is provided for productions hiring at least 20% Black South African citizens as heads of departments (HODs) and procuring at least 30% of QSAPE from 51% Black-owned South African entities that have been operating for at least one year.

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Productions must have a minimum QSAPE of S131,570 (R2.5 million) for all qualifying formats and S26,315 (R500,000) for documentaries.

Applicants must submit a copy of the advance ruling at the application stage and a copy of the final ruling at the claim stage.

At least 50% of principal photography must be filmed in South Africa.

A minimum of 14 calendar days of principal photography must be filmed in South Africa.

South African Film Incentive

Production and post-production support for South African productions:

The incentive is calculated at 35% of QSAPE.

An additional 5% of QSAPE is provided for productions hiring at least 30% Black South African citizens as HODs and procuring at least 30% of QSAPE from 51% Black-owned South African entities that have been operating for at least one year. The program offers a reimbursable grant up to a maximum of S1.315 million (R25 million) per qualifying project.

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Travel, Accommodation, and Lifestyle

Mannequin's relationships with premier hotels and accommodation providers ensure access to a wide range of quality production accommodations across the country. Partnerships with groups such as the Radisson offer competitive production rates on serviced projects. Complementing South Africa's filming resources, the lifestyle available to crew and cast includes blue flag beaches, hiking trails, wine farms, spas, and renowned restaurants, all within an hour's drive of Cape Town, providing a relaxing environment between shoot day

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