

A LIST OF TRADE UNIONS

CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS (COSATU)

- 1. AMALGAMATED BLACK WORKERS UNION (ABWU)**
Head Office: Room 41, Tudor Mansions, 78 Troye Street, Johannesburg
Tel: (011) 230815
Who can join: anyone
- 2. CAPE TOWN MUNICIPAL WORKERS ASSOCIATION (CTMWA)**
Head Office: Trade Union House, Beverly Street, Athlone, Cape Town or P.O. Box 49, Athlone, Cape Town
Tel: (021) 6378140
Who can join: municipality workers
- 3. CHEMICAL WORKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION (CWIU)**
Head office: Box 18349, Dalbridge, 4014, Durban or Central Court, 125 Gale Street, Durban
Who can join? chemicals, plastic, rubber, glass, industrial minerals, petroleum and coal products, gas, candles, oils and fats.
Branches: Transvaal, Southern Natal, Northern Natal, Eastern Province, and the Western Province.
- 4. COMMERCIAL, CATERING AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION of SOUTH AFRICA (CCAWUSA)**
Head office: 2nd Floor, Khotsa House, de Villiers Street, Johannesburg, 2000
Tel: (011) 236127
Who can join: catering and retail
Branches: Natal (Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Newcastle), Transvaal (Johannesburg, Klerksdorp, Pietersburg, Pretoria), Orange Vaal (Vereeniging, Bloemfontein), Eastern Cape (Port Elizabeth, East London), Western Cape (Cape Town).
- 5. FOOD and CANNING WORKERS UNION (FCWU)**
Head office: 355 Albert Road, Woodstock, Cape Town, or P.O. Box 234, Salt River, 7925
Tel: (021) 471034
Who can join: foods
Branches: Ashton, Ceres, Cape Town, Gansbaai, George, Grabouw, Malmesbury, Saldanha Bay, Somerset West, Wellington, Worcester, Paarl, Mossel Bay, Lamberts Bay, Molleno, Johannesburg, Kempton Park, Pretoria, Queenstown, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth.
- 6. GENERAL and ALLIED WORKERS UNION (GAWU)**
Head office: Box 261156, Johannesburg, or Tudor Mansions, 78 Troye Street, Johannesburg
Tel: (011) 230815
Who can join: transport, building, engineering, services, local government
- 7. GENERAL WORKERS UNION (GWU)**
Head office: 11 Benbow Building, Beverly Street, Athlone, Cape Town
Tel: (021) 6382592
Who can join: transport, building and allied, engineering.
Branches: Cape Town, Durban, Port Elizabeth East London.
- 8. GENERAL WORKERS UNION of SOUTH AFRICA (GWUSA)**
Head office: Court Chambers, 623 Main Street, North End, Port Elizabeth, or P.O. Box 2924, Port Elizabeth, 6000
Tel: (041) 544245
Who can join: chemical, leather, retail, building, textiles, maintenance.
Branches: Pretoria, Port Elizabeth, East London
- 9. METAL and ALLIED WORKERS UNION (MAWU)**
Head office: 2nd floor, Harrester House, 65 Harrison Street, Johannesburg
Tel: (011) 8341651
Who can join: electrical engineering, electronic equipment, cables, motor, rubber, non-ferrous metals, iron and steel, heavy engineering
Branches: Transvaal, Southern Natal, Northern Natal, Eastern Province
- 10. MOTOR ASSEMBLY and COMPONENTS WORKERS UNION of SOUTH AFRICA (MACWUSA)**
Head office: 2nd Floor, Court Chambers, 623 Main Street, Port Elizabeth, or P.O. Box 2924, Port Elizabeth, 6000
Tel: (041) 544245
Who can join: motor industry
Branches: Port Elizabeth
- 11. MUNICIPAL WORKERS UNION of SOUTH AFRICA (MWUSA)**
Head office: P.O. Box 6207, Marshalltown
Tel: (011) 3373624
Who can join: municipal and general
- 12. NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE and ALLIED WORKERS UNION (NAAWU)**
Head office: 9 & 10 Lotus Building, Cottrel Street, Port Elizabeth, P.O. Box 4097, Port Elizabeth, 6000
Tel: (041) 490109
Who can join: sub manufacturing, motor assembly, tyre, rubber, battery, capot, manufacturing
Branches: Eastern Cape, Transvaal, Natal, Western Cape

- 13. NATIONAL FEDERATION of WORKERS (NFW)**
Head office: 15 Ecumenical Centre, 20 St Andrews Street, Durban, 4001, or P.O. Box 47011, Greyville
Tel: (031) 3063993
It has the following unions under it:
- 14. BRICK, CLAY and ALLIED WORKERS UNION**
- 15. CLEANING SERVICES and ALLIED WORKERS UNION**
- 16. COMMERCIAL DISTRIBUTIVE WORKERS UNION**
- 17. HEALTH and ALLIED WORKERS UNION**
- 18. NATIONAL POST OFFICE and ALLIED RETAIL and ALLIED WORKERS UNION (NGWU/RAWU).**
Head Office: 374 Vermeulen Street Pretoria
Tel: (012) 21-8662.
Who can join: food distribution, dairies, bakeries, services, skin and hide.
- 19. NATIONAL IRON, STEEL, METAL WORKERS UNION (NISMAWU)**
Head office: P.O. Box 2599, Newcastle 2940.
Who can join: distributive, glass, general: formerly part of the National Federation of Workers.
- 20. NATIONAL UNION OF MINE WORKERS (NUM)**
Head office: 5th Floor Lekton House, 5 Wanderers Street, Johannesburg.
Branches: Transvaal, Orange Free State, Natal and Cape.
Who can join: Miners.
- 21. NATIONAL UNION OF TEXTILE WORKERS (TUTW).**
Head Office: Central Court, 125 Gale Street Durban. Tel: (031) 301-4923/4
Who can join: textile, knitting, clothing, leather.
Branches: Natal Coastal (Durban, Tongaat), Natal Midlands, Pinetown, Ladysmith, Transvaal, Eastern Province, Western Province.
- 22. PAPER WOOD AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION (PWAU)**
Head Office: 1st Floor, Harrester House, 65 Harrison Street, Johannesburg.
Tel: (011) 838-4725.
Who can join: paper and pulp, paper printing and packaging, wood, sawmills, furniture.
Branches: Transvaal, Northern Natal, Southern Natal, Western Cape.
- 23. RETAIL AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION (RAWU).**
Head Office: formerly Corporation Chambers, Corporation Street, Cape Town, but destroyed in a fire which swept through the building in October last year.
Who can join: dairy employees in the Cape Peninsula.
- 24. SOUTH AFRICAN ALLIED WORKERS UNION (SAAWU)**
Head Office: P.O. Box 261156, Johannesburg, or Tudor Mansion, 78 Troye Street, Johannesburg.
Who can join: metal, building, food, motor, electrical, rubber, plastic, chemical, printing, distribution, municipal, power stations, railways, health, transport, furniture, education, services, paper, wood.
- 25. SOUTH AFRICAN DOMESTIC WORKERS ASSOCIATION (SADWA)**
Head Office: 20 St Andrews Street, Durban.
Tel: (031) 31-8322
Who can join: domestic workers and cleaners.
Branches: Transvaal, Cape Town, Durban, Orange Free State.
- 26. SOUTH AFRICAN MINE WORKERS UNION (SAMWU)**
Head Office: P.O. Box 7549, Johannesburg, or Tudor Mansions, 78 Troye Street, Johannesburg.
Tel: (011) 29-0423/4
Who can join: miners
- 27. SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS AND HARBOURS UNION (SARHU)**
Head Office: P.O. Box 7549, Johannesburg, or Tudor Mansions, 78 Troye Street, Johannesburg.
Tel: (011) 23-0815
- 28. SOUTH AFRICAN SCOOTER TRANSPORT AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION (SASTAWU)**
Head Office: P.O. Box 7549, Johannesburg
Tel: (011) 23-0667
- 29. SOUTH AFRICAN TEXTILE AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION (SATAWU)**
Head Office: P.O. Box 7002, East London. Tel: (0431) 26899
Who can join: garment, textile.
- 30. SOUTH AFRICAN TIN WORKERS UNION (SATWU)**
Head Office: 301 Noor Chambers, 208 Grey Street, Durban, 4001
Tel: (031) 329333
Who can join: sheet metal and non-ferrous collapsible tube industries (in Durban, Port Elizabeth and Western Cape)

- 31. SWEET FOOD AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION (SFAWU)**
Head Office: Central Court, 125 Gale Street, Durban, or P.O. Box 18109, Dalbridge, 4014
Tel: (031) 301-7131/301-7350
Who can join: sugar, milling, biscuits, bakeries, dairies, brewing, sweet and chocolate.
Branches: Transvaal, Northern Natal, Southern Natal, Eastern Province.
 - 32. TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION (TGWU)**
Head Office: 1st Floor Harrester House, 65 Harrison Street, Johannesburg.
Tel: (011) 836-4463
Who can join: passenger transport, goods transport, stevedores, motor ferry, municipalities, SATS, cement products, hospitals, cleaning and security.
Branches: Transvaal, Southern Natal, Eastern Province.
 - 33. UNITED MINING METAL AND ALLIED WORKERS OF SOUTH AFRICA (UMMAWUSA)**
Head Office: P.O. Box 5698, Benoni South, 1602
Who can join: mining, metal, motor.
Branches: Transvaal. Tel: (011) 54-6738
- ### COUNCIL OF UNIONS OF SOUTH AFRICA (CUSA)
- Head Office: 7th Floor Lekton House, 5 Wanderers Street, Johannesburg.
Tel: (011) 20-8031
- 1. BRUSHES AND CLEANERS WORKERS UNION (BCWU)**
Head Office: Lekton House
Tel: (011) 29-8031
 - 2. BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION (BCAWU)**
Head Office: 6th floor, Lekton House, Johannesburg.
Tel: (011) 23-6311
Who can join: building and construction, building materials, cement products, roadmaking, ceramics, clay, stonecrushing.
 - 3. FOOD AND BEVERAGE WORKERS UNION (FBWU)**
Head Office: 4th Floor Lekton House,
Tel: (011) 29-9527/8
Who can join: food, dairies, baking, cold storage, canning and bottling, milling.
Branches: Vaal, Klerksdorp, East Rand, Far West Rand, West Rand, Pietermaritzburg, Eastern Cape.
 - 4. NATIONAL UNION OF WINE AND SPIRITS WORKERS (NUWSW)**
Head Office: 4th Floor Lekton House,
Tel: (011) 23-5561
Who can join: wine and spirits manufacturing
 - 5. SOUTH AFRICAN CHEMICAL WORKERS UNION (SACWU)**
Head Office: 8th floor Lekton House
Tel: (011) 29-8920/9; 29-8907
Who can join: chemical, pharmaceutical, explosives, fertilizer, rubber, glass, plastic.
Branches: Transvaal, Orange Free State, Natal, Cape.
 - 6. SOUTH AFRICAN LAUNDRY, DRY CLEANING and DYEING WORKERS UNION (SALDCDWU)**
Head office: 4th Floor, Lekton House
Tel: (011) 239058
Who can join: laundry, dry cleaning and dyeing
 - 7. STEEL ENGINEERING and ALLIED WORKERS UNION (SEAWUSA)**
Head office: 5th Floor, Merlen House, 49 Simmonds Street, Johannesburg
Tel: (011) 8344771/2/3
Who can join: steel, engineering, metal containers, plastics
Branches: Pietermaritzburg, Vereeniging, Alberton, Pretoria, West Rand, East Rand, Johannesburg
 - 8. TEXTILE WORKERS UNION (TRANSSVAAL) (TWU)**
Head office: Garment Centre, 75 End Street, Doornfontein
Tel: (011) 3376591
 - 9. TRANSPORT and ALLIED WORKERS UNION (TAWU)**
Head office: 6th Floor, Lekton House, Johannesburg
Tel: (011) 294784
Who can join: passenger transport, goods transport, vehicle ferrying
Branches: Transvaal, Durban, Port Elizabeth
 - 10. UNITED AFRICAN MOTOR WORKERS UNION (UAMWU)**
Head office: 513-14 Willie Theron Building, Bosman Street, Pretoria
Tel: (012) 3230838

- 11. VUKANI BLACK GUARDS and ALLIED WORKERS UNION**
Head office: 7th Floor, Lekton House, Johannesburg
Tel: (011) 298031
Who can join: security
Branches: Pretoria, Vereeniging, Potchefstroom, Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Port Elizabeth
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- ### AZANIAN CONFEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (AZACTU)
- Tel: 834-6682 or 834-6733
- 1. IAWUSA**
 - 2. BAMCWA**
 - 3. HOTELICA**
 - 4. AFRICAN ALLIED WORKERS UNION (AAWU)**
 - 5. BLACK GENERAL WORKERS UNION (BLAGWU)**
 - 6. BLACK ELECTRONIC and ELECTRICAL WORKERS UNION (BEEWU)**
 - 7. NATIONAL UNION of WORKERS of SOUTH AFRICA (NIJWSA)**
 - 8. BLACK DOMESTIC WORKERS UNION**
 - 9. EAWUSA**
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- ### OTHER TRADE UNIONS
- 1. FEDERATED COUNCIL of RETAIL and ALLIED WORKERS (FEDCRAW)**
Head office: Room 93, Security Building, 95 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg
Tel: (011) 8343875
Who can join: retail
Branches: Transvaal, Orange Free State, Natal
 - 2. JEWELLERS and GOLDSMITHS**
Head office: 2nd Floor, City Centre, Corporation Street, Cape Town
Tel: (021) 468086
Who can join: manufacturing
Branches: Cape Town
 - 3. MEDIA WORKERS ASSOCIATION of SOUTH AFRICA (MWASA)**
Head office: 3rd Floor, Lekton House, Johannesburg
Tel: (011) 29-8031
Who can join: newspaper, printing and packaging
Branches: Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg, Southern Transvaal, Witbank, Far Northern Transvaal, Port Elizabeth, Border
 - 5. NATIONAL UNION of PRINTERS and ALLIED WORKERS (NUPAWU)**
Head office: Room 315, Lekton House, 5 Wanderers Street, Johannesburg
Tel: (011) 235426/8
Who can join: printing
 - 6. ORANGE VAAL GENERAL WORKERS UNION (OVGWU)**
Head office: 26 Leslie Street, Vereeniging, 1933 or P.O. Box 81, Sharpville, 1933
Tel: (016) 220234
Who can join: civil engineering, municipal workers, hospitals, farms
Branches: Vereeniging
 - 7. PLASTICS AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION (PAWU)**
Head Office: 705 Atlantic House, Corporation Street, Cape Town.
Tel: (021) 45-3885
Who can join: plastics
Branches: Western Cape.
 - BLACK ALLIED WORKERS UNION (BAWU)**
Head Office: P.O. Box 2691, Durban, 4000
Tel: (031) 31-5911
It has 17 unions.
Who can join: any worker can join.
 - BLACK HEALTH AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION of SOUTH AFRICA (BHAWUSA)**
Head Office: P.O. Box 10411, Johannesburg, 2000
Tel: (011) 23-2677 or (012) 323-6696
Who can join: health workers and pharmaceutical companies.
 - NATIONAL UNION of PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS**
C/O CUSA, P.O. Box 10928, Johannesburg, 2000
Tel: (011) 29-5031
Who can join: postal workers, municipality, water boards, city councils.
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