



## QuadPara Association of South Africa (QASA)

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To Whom It May Concern,

The QuadPara Association of South Africa (QASA) is a non-profit organisation which represents quadriplegics and paraplegics in South Africa. QASA's mission is to be an effective co-ordinating, policy-making and supporting organisation striving to prevent spinal cord injury and to promote and protect the interests of people with mobility impairments through advocacy, lobbying and delivery of services and products to people with disabilities.

Of QASA's projects, the QASA employment project is most notable. South African studies have shown that 99% of people with disabilities in South Africa are unemployed. The QASA employment project directly addresses this issue. Through advertising, QASA has established a large database of employment seekers with disabilities. This CV database is distribute to our 15 partnering recruitment agencies (most specializing the placement of persons with disabilities) and any company or government department who has an interest in placing person with disabilities. The partnering recruitment agencies are invited to send QASA job specifications for persons with disabilities, and QASA advertises theses vacancies on their behalf.

Doug Anderson and QASA have had a long standing relationship and we have been talking about disability issues on radio for some 5 years now.

Doug Anderson has been instrumental in the success of the employment project. Doug approached QASA with the idea of a weekly insert on his Radio Show (on Radio 2000), where he and the QASA project coordinator, discuss employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. The show has become very popular amongst the disabled community and QASA receives numerous phone calls, emails and CVs in response to the show weekly.

Doug also uses any opportunity to publicize QASA news and events on his radio show, generating awareness of QASA's work.

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QASA is most grateful for Doug's commitment, creativity and enthusiasm in furthering disability as a whole in South Africa. QASA would therefore like to nominate and recommend Doug Anderson for an award for his contribution to making a difference in the field of disability.

His assistance is always most beneficial to our organization.

Best wishes

**Ari Seirlis**  
**National Director**

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