

What is an extra:

Extras or Background Artistes:

are people who appear in a nonspeaking capacity, who come from all walks of life, shapes, ages and creeds that *create the atmosphere* that is needed to set a scene on Movies & TV commercials.

eg. pedestrians in a city scene; wedding guests; fighting warriors in a war movie etc.

Walk-On vs Featured Extra

The Walk-On roles are those that **appear in vision** but do not play a role in the story. i.e they are not in the background as part of the “atmosphere” any longer.

The Simple Test:

They are considered a Walk-On if:

a. *They **appear in vision but** have no interaction with the lead.*

(If they do, they are Featured)

b. *They **appear in vision but** have no interaction with the product.*

(If they do, they are Featured)

c. *They **appear in vision but** do not play a role in the story.*

(If they do, they are Featured)

d. *They **appear in vision but** if removed the clip/shot still makes sense.*

(If the commercial DOES NOT make sense when artiste is removed, they are Featured)

e. *They **appear in vision but** not appearing in a group of 5 or less.*

(have to be in a group of 6 or more)

ALWAYS notify us if you think you might have been upgraded to a Walk-On/Featured Extra. Once the commercial has been completed/edited (usually this takes 1-3 months) we will request a copy of the commercial to view.

Fees:

We do not charge upfront registration fees, however we do charge R300 annually for the makeup of your zcard and the basic touch up of images taken in studio, you do not have to pay for this upfront, it will be deducted off your first job, once this fee has been paid, we will send you the images we used. This is an annual fee that will be deducted at the start of season each year. You do have the option of doing a portfolio test with a professional photographer, please chat to us about the various options available.

What to bring on your first meeting with us:

ID/Passport

Valid work permit if not local

Valid tax number on a SARS letterhead (this is to ensure we receive the correct details), if you do not have one, you will need to apply for one asap, we unfortunately cannot put you forward to clients until you have one.

Bank details on a bank letterhead or statement (this is to ensure we receive the correct details)

How to dress on your first meeting with us:

We will do three looks for your basic shoot with us:

One casual look (jeans/chinos with a t-shirt or shirt, must be neat and clean)

One business/corporate/smart look

One other look, if you do sports, please bring your gear/uniform with you or if you have any traditional wear that is part of your culture please bring that outfit with as well.

No loud prints or logos, do not wear white

Hair and Make-up:

Must look neat and tidy, very natural makeup for women, please have loose hair that is clean and natural, but please do bring something to tie your hair back as well, ladies please easy on the eyebrows.

Men to be clean shaven if this is usual for you, however if you do sport a beard, make sure it's well-groomed and trimmed if necessary.

Hands, feet and nails needs to be neat and clean, we will be taking pictures of these are well.

You must be able to smile naturally in front of camera, if you are shy or unsure of your smile, please practice at home till you are more confident about your smile.