The patrilinear succession of the Bafokeng Chiefs has been traced back for over 35 rulers. Below is a list of the recent Chiefs and the periods of their reigns:

- It is believed Mokgatle assumed his chieftainship in about 1834, after returning from exile. He ruled until his death in 1891. Mokgatle married two wives. His sons were Tumagole and Dikeledi. His sons from his second wife were Johannes Sekete, Diose, also called Bloemhoff.

- Tumagole, succeeded his father. He reigned for seven years and died in 1896.

- August Molotlegi Mokgatle, Tumagole first son, assumed chieftainship in 1896. He ruled for 42 years, from 1896 until he died in March 1938.

• James Manotshe Tumagole Molotlegi XII, Mokgatle’s eldest son, succeeded him in 1936. He died in 1956. His sons were Edward Lebone and Mollo Molotlegi.

• Edward Patrick Lebone Molotlegi, interrupted his studies in medicine and law at Wits University, to assume chieftainship of the Bafokeng. Chief Lebone was appointed Kgosi on 28 December 1958. He held this position until he died in 1995. His children were Lebone Boikanyo (1965), Boemo Matale (1966), Leruo Tshekedi (1968), Motswana (1970), Bothata Ledima (1973), Tirelo (1976)

• Mollwane Boikanyo Lebone Molotlegi II, born in 1965, ruled from 1995 until he died in 2000.

• Leruo Tshekedi Molotlegi, the second son of Kgosi Lebone Molotlegi, assumed chieftainship in 2000. He is the 36th kgosi of the Bafokeng and the 16th direct descendent of a line of Bafokeng chiefs. He is the current Kgosi of the Royal Bafokeng Nation.