



MEDIA RELEASE **KZN COGTA: PSA welcomes overdue permanent appointment of 119 contract workers**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has secured the appointment into permanent positions of 119 contract workers at the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs from 1 February 2022.

The Union's demand since August 2021 has finally resulted in the Department resolving this overdue matter that has remained unresolved for more than five years. The Head of Department (HOD) further assisted in speeding up the process. The HOD, in working with stakeholders, displayed a high level of professionalism and commitment towards the plight of these employees. The PSA will continue its efforts to ensure that the remaining nine contract workers are also converted to permanent positions by 1 March 2022.

The PSA will continue to oppose long-term contract appointments to ensure that all Public Service Departments and state-owned enterprises comply with the amendment of the *Labour Relations Act of 1995* in that employees must not be subjected to contract work that creates insecurity for workers.

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