

MEDIA RELEASE **KZN TVET Coastal College: PSA calls for removal of administrator**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is disturbed about by a decision by the TVET Coastal College management to remove the PSA provincial organiser from a virtual meeting on 30 May 2022 regarding an update on unpaid salaries to contract employees.

In a letter to the campus management and employees, dated 24 May 2022, the administrator made a commitment that employees who were not paid on 25 May 2022 would be paid on 31 May 2022. During a meeting held without the PSA provincial organiser, the administrator, however, moved the payment date to 1 June 2022. This inconsistency is extremely concerning for employees and sends a clear message that the administrator who stays in a top hotel in uMhlanga, has failed to stabilise the struggling institution.

Under the leadership of the administrator who was appointed in 2019, the TVET Coastal College has moved from a reserve of some R65 million to a negative balance. There is also a shortage of stationery and collapsing infrastructure. The KwaMakhutha campus has, for example, been without water for more than six months. The Chief Financial Officer has been suspended for more than 12 months, with no conclusion of the case. There are further reports of victimisation of those who are questioning the status of the College.

The administrator is a liability to the Coastal TVET College. The PSA calls on the Department to immediately remove the administrator and appointment a new incumbent to stabilise finances as well as teaching and learning.

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