



MEDIA RELEASE **PSA urges KwaZulu-Natal Premier and MEC to mitigate crushing unfair debt burden on KwaZulu-Natal public servants**

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The Public Servants Association of South Africa (PSA) has issued an appeal to the KwaZulu-Natal Premier and MEC for Finance to urgently investigate and rectify the plight of public servants beset by unjust debt resulting from departmental deductions.

Thousands of public servants in the province are grappling with the devastating consequences of unpaid leave deductions, precipitating financial hardship, and diminishing financial resources. Other such matters relate to forced repayment of damages for state-vehicle incidents, prolonged sick leave owing to incapacity, and over deductions stemming from pay-progression overpayments.

These deductions have relegated public servants to a state of financial destitution, severely impeding their ability to cope with the escalating cost of living. The PSA thus urges the Premier and MEC to write off these debts to effect immediate relief and permit employees to reallocate their budgets to basic needs, ensuring a dignified standard of living. Such steps will ensure that the KwaZulu-Natal government will meaningfully alleviate the suffering of public servants, enabling them to perform their duties with renewed vigour and dedication.

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