

Feedback: Provincial Occupational Health and Safety Committee (POHSC) meeting - 25 June 2021

A meeting with the POHSC was held on 25 June 2021. The meeting did not form a quorum owing to only one Compliance Officer out of 16 attending. The agenda was deferred to the next meeting based on parties agreeing to the information sharing session owing to the importance of the items where clarity was offered on uncertainties regarding amended regulations in Occupational Health and Safety Measures in certain workplaces. In summary, the following issues were presented and discussed:

- Revision of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) will have to take place to align this with latest amendments.
- Risk assessments reviewal will have to be done by the employer in line with the latest amendments.
- The making of vaccination compulsory to certain occupational groups to be discussed at the next POHSC meeting. Members are welcome to give inputs.
- The continued absence of Compliance Officers needs to be investigated and remedial action needs to be taken.
- Ways to increase capacity to monitor compliance with health and safety need to be discussed at the next meeting.
- District offices need to be coordinated with the reporting of COVID-19 related cases.
- The employer is drafting a Circular for implementation of the amended remote-working arrangements.

These issues are being attended to by the various role players at different levels. The PSA will monitor the progress and resolution of these issues at the next meeting. Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER