

Feedback: Provincial Skills Development Committee meeting

The Eastern Cape Provincial Skills Development Committee meeting was held on 23 April 2021. The budget and training plan for the 2021/22-financial year was presented. The PSA noted the presentation and the Committee endorsed the presentations (*attached*).

The employer reported that the Department is planning to buy trucks for the EMS section. EMS emergency drivers who do not possess a Code-10 driver's license will be accorded K53 training. It was further reported that training for Labour Law Certificate, which the Department offered through the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in 2020, will continue for labour relations officials and shop stewards in the 2021/22-financial year.

The PSA welcomed the initiatives and commended the employer for such positive initiatives to empower its employees. The PSA urges shop stewards in the Department of Health and EMS to touch base with their HRD section in the respective institutions and follow up on these training initiatives owing to the importance.

Accreditation: New Nursing Diploma - Liliitha College

Members will recall that the Department previously reported that Liliitha College is not accredited for the new three-year Diploma Nursing Programme. The Department informed the Committee that it is close to getting accreditation from the South African Nursing Council (SANC). Developments will be reported in the next Skills Development meeting that will take place in May 2021 for which a date will be confirmed later. Member empowerment is of prime importance to the PSA and members are urged to use these opportunities. The PSA encourages members to submit inputs and feedback on progress made by the Department to implement this great initiative to samkelo.mzuku@psa.co.za or Riaan.vosloo@psa.co.za.

The PSA takes this opportunity to warn members of the looming COVID-19 third wave and reminds members to be safe and comply with COVID-19 regulations by wearing a mask covering their nose and mouth, wash and sanitise hands and maintain social distancing.

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