

## Mangaung shutdown

The PSA has been receiving a lot of queries from members who have been forced by their supervisor to sign leave application forms for the days that they could not report for duty as a result of the Total Shutdown Community protest action.

The PSA advises members not to sign any leave forms. On 18 May 2021, the PSA engaged the Director-General (DG) to provide a directive in respect of how provincial departments should be dealing with the situation at the time as it was impossible for employees to report for duty, considering that they were forbidden to do so by violent protest action. The DG was also requested to withdraw any circular that was issued by any department in respect of this issue while the DG considers the submissions made the PSA.

The PSA received acknowledgement of its correspondence from the office of the DG, and it advised that the matter was referred to the acting DG for a response. The PSA has not received any feedback to date. It is for that reason that the PSA advises members not to sign any leave application forms until guidance has been provided by the office of the Director-General for all provincial offices.

Members will be updated a soon as feedback is received.

GENERAL MANAGER