

FOR PSA MEMBERS: PUBLIC SERVICE COORDINATING BARGAINING COUNCIL (PSCBC)

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# PSCBC: Salary negotiations update – URGENT MANDATE REQUIRED

Following negotiations on 8 January 2025, where the employer initially proposed a 5% salary increase as part of a multi-term agreement, further engagements were conducted on 20 January 2025. During this session, the employer presented a final offer with notable improvements:

## 1. Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

- 2025/26 financial year: 5.5% salary increase (previously 5%).
- 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years: Adjustments aligned to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- The CPI will be capped between 4% and 6%. In other words, if the CPI is below 4 % members will receive a 4 % increase; if the CPI is above 6% the increase will be 6%. If the CPI is between 4% and 6 % it will be that actual percentage.

### 2. Housing Allowance

- April 2025: Increase from R1 784.55 to R1 900.
- Apart from the Increase in housing allowance an additional CPI increase will be implemented in July 2025

## 3. Individual-Linked Savings Facility (ILSF)

From **1 April 2025**, employees resigning or dismissed will receive the full value of their savings under PSCBC Resolution 7/2015.

## 4. Medical-aid adjustments

- 2025/26 financial year: Adjustments aligned with the Medical Price Index (MPI).
- 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years: Adjustments of MPI + 0.5%.

### 5. Danger Allowance

- April 2025: Increase from R623.29 to R650.
- July 2025: Additional CPI-based increase.

### 6. Special Danger Allowance

- April 2025: Increase from R931.82 to R950.
- July 2025: Additional CPI-based increase.

### 7. Service Allowance for Police

• April 2025: Increase from R700 to R950.

#### **Process matters**

The employer and organised labour have also agreed to resolve other demands through separate processes and a collective agreement, as outlined below:

- **Death Grant:** A working committee will develop the framework for payment conditions within **nine** months.
- Comprehensive Danger Insurance: A working committee will conclude research and recommendations for a new danger dispensation addressing gaps in the current allowance framework within three months.
- Childcare and breastfeeding facilities: The PSCBC will research the readiness of departments to establish these facilities within six months.
- Bursary scheme for dependents: The PSCBC will research a funding model for bursaries for public servants' dependents within twelve months.
- Recruitment Policy: A committee will review recruitment practices and propose observer status for union representatives, with a report due in six months.
- **Uniform Policy:** A working committee will review PSCBC Resolution 3/1999 (Part XVII) to ensure relevance and compliance within **six months**.
- **Incentive Policy Framework:** The employer will present the revised policy document, including performance recognition awards, for consultation within **six months**.

### YOUR MANDATE IS REQUIRED

PSA members must provide a mandate to accept or reject the offer as a package. If accepted, the multiterm agreement will be binding in its entirety; if rejected, all elements will be declined.

## **Voting details**

- Voting will commence on 23 January 2025 from 11:00 and will close on 31 January 2025 at 15:00.
- Members can vote through:
  - 1. Clicking the SMS link that will be issued by the PSA on 23 January 2025.
  - 2. Visiting the PSA website. A ballot link will be emailed to members on 23 January 2025.
  - 3. Completing manual voting forms (available via shop stewards or PSA Provincial officials).

#### **Important**

- · Each member is allowed one vote only.
- Non-PSA members may participate after completing membership forms to join the PSA.
- For manual voting, please contact your shop steward for assistance.

## Your participation in this process is crucial to ensure that your voice is heard!

Employees who want to join the PSA can visit the PSA's website, send an email to <u>ask@psa.co.za</u>, or contact PSA Provincial Offices.

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