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Minister of Public Works Mr T.W. Nxesi to launch the EPWP Recruitment Guidelines in KwaZulu-Natal

The Minister of Public Works, Mr T.W. Nxesi will on 28 June 2018 launch the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Recruitment Guidelines at Ugu Sports and Leisure Centre at Port Shepstone in KwaZulu-Natal.

The EPWP Recruitment Guidelines have been developed by the Department of Public Works (DPW) after consultation with various stakeholders and were endorsed by the Department of Labour. The aim of these guidelines is to ensure that the recruitment of the target group to participate in the EPWP is fair, transparent and equitable.

During the launch, Minister Nxesi will be joined by senior government leaders in the all three spheres of government. Subsequent to the launch, there will be a series of roadshows throughout the country to educate the public about the new EPWP guidelines.

MEC for Public Works and Infrastructure in the Free State awarded certificates to EPWP participants in Bloemfontein



In commemoration of the National youth month, the MEC for Public Works and Infrastructure in the Free State Ms Dora Kotzee hosted the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) National Youth Service (NYS) graduation ceremony on 18 June 2018 in Bloemfontein.

The graduation ceremony was part of the 2018 Youth month event which was held under the theme: **'Live the Legacy: Towards a Socio-Economic Empowered Youth'**.

During the ceremony MEC Kotzee awarded accredited certificates to 50 EPWP-NYS participants who have been trained and qualified as electricians.

Delivering her keynote addresses at the event, MEC Kotzee appealed to the graduates to emulate the youth of 1976 in their quest for a better life. "We are proud of your achievement today and we appeal to you to go out in your communities and contribute in the socio-economic upliftment of our people. Your success also gives us an indication that the EPWP is working in achieving its objective of improving the lives of our people," MEC Kotzee said.

Among others, the event was also attended by Ms Sarah Moleleki who is the Chairperson of Portfolio Committee on Public Works, Infrastructure, Roads, Transport and Human Settlement at the Free State Provincial Legislature. Ms Moleleki said she was pleased to see the EPWP contributing in the development of skills among the province's youth.

About the Training

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure in the Free State started the Electrical Apprenticeship Training Qualification: National Occupation Certificate: OFO Code 671101 in 2013. The three year training is accredited by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) and is registered on the Local Government Sector Education Training Authority (LGSETA).

The participants did both theoretical and practical training in electrical apprenticeship. The participants were placed at the City of Mangaung owned Electricity Company called Centlec for practical training. For the duration of the training, participants received a monthly wage (stipend) of R2200 each. All 50 participants were recruited from all districts in the province.

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