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PHASE 3: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES RECRUITMENT PROGRAMME

The Provincial Department of Health is again affording the unemployed youth of this province an opportunity of being recruited as emergency care practitioners in Basic Life Support under the Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

This is phase three of the recruitment programme, which was initiated in April 2005 as a pilot programme.

The programme was designed to run as part of an expansion of service programme targeted at unemployed matriculants. Selected unemployed candidates from throughout KwaZulu-Natal who have not been presented with an opportunity to further their studies at tertiary level are considered for this programme. The department spends an estimated R2 million per phase. Fifty candidates were taken in for phase one of the programme and they all successfully completed their training and are now working for the department as emergency care practitioners.

The second recruitment phase was in January this year. It is nearing completion and the recruits will be graduating on 23 June 2006. Candidates are trained by the department's College of Emergency Care and the training also includes training in Emergency Medical Dispatch and advanced driving training.

Applicants must be in possession of a Grade 12 (matriculation) qualification, have a valid Code 10 drivers licence and a valid PDP (persons). All selected candidates will have to undergo a driving evaluation and an interview process. Applicants must be willing to undertake and sign a contract with the department. An ability to communicate in isiZulu will be an added advantage. Female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply. Trainees will have to register with the Health Professions Council of South Africa when they successfully complete the course and they will also have to work for the KZN Department of Health on completion of their studies.

Interested individuals can obtain application forms from EMS district offices throughout the province from Monday 11 June 2006.

EMS district offices are located as follows:

| DISTRICT | PHYSICAL ADDRESS | CONTACT NUMBERS |
|-----------------|---|------------------------|
| Ugu District | 2 Oscar Nero Road, Marburg | (039) 688 3600 |
| UMgungundlovu | Townbush Road, Grey's Hospital (Ambulance Base) | (033) 394 8181 |
| Uthukela | Crn. Fair Clough and Hyde Road, Ladysmith | (036) 638 4817 |
| Umzinyathi | Handly Street, Dundee Hospital, Dundee | (034) 219 1000 |
| Amajuba | 4 Hospital Street, Newcastle Hospital | (034) 328 5501 |
| Zululand | Ulundi Unit A | (035) 879 1187 |
| Umkhanyakude | Department of Public Works Building, Jozini Main Road | (035) 572 3417 |
| Uthungulu | 2 Lood Avenue, Empangeni | (035) 787 0861 |
| Ilembe | 68 NRB House Cnr. Chief Albert Luthuli and Balcomb Street | (032) 437 6400 |
| Sisonke | Ixopo Road (Ixopo Clinic) | (039) 834 1889 |
| Ethekwini | 1 University Lane, Warwick Avenue Durban | (031) 302 9911 |

Completed forms must be handed back to EMS district offices. The closing date for applications is **30 June 2006**.

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For interview purposes please contact Mr Leon Mbangwa on 083 459 8695.