



## KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

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### KZN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ADDRESSES INTERNSHIP FUNDING ENQUIRIES

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The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health has noted, with understanding, the deep concern and numerous enquiries from pharmacist interns and other health professional interns regarding their placements for this financial year.

We hear your anxiety. We recognise your eagerness to contribute to our healthcare system and the critical role you are trained to play. Your distress is not lost on us.

The current reality is one of severe financial limitation. While the Department is fully committed to training the next generation of health professionals, our available funding from the Provincial fiscus is acutely constrained.

As a result, we have only been able to secure placements for medical interns and community service personnel at this time.

This difficult decision stems from a simple, unavoidable principle: we cannot spend what we do not have. The exclusion of other categories is a matter of fiscal reality, not a measure of their value or importance to our health system.

We want to assure all affected interns that this is not a permanent closure. The Department is actively pursuing every possible avenue to source additional financial resources.

We are committed to this and as soon as the fiscal situation improves, the inclusion of pharmacist interns and other health professional interns will be an absolute priority.

We will provide updates through our official communication channels as the situation evolves.

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