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KZN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT CREATING JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUTH AS PART OF FIGHTING UNEMPLOYMENT AND PROMOTING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

As part of creating much needed jobs and promoting skills transfer, the KwaZulu-Natal Department has employed an additional 326 young people.

The youth has been employed as part of the internship programme and Integrated Work Experiential Learning.

The recruitment of these 326 youth will assist to improve the capacity of the department in many areas of work.

The recruitment of these youth is in addition to the 142 interns that are already in the Department, who have been extended their contracts for additional two years.

This will improve the front-line services and improve administrative systems. The new cohort of young people is expected to bring new innovations and academic knowledge that will assist us to improve our service delivery.

This recruitment is part of the commitment made by MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Sipho Hlomuka, as part of his first 100 days in office.

Welcoming the new recruits, MEC Hlomuka said, government is serious about creating jobs and empowering young people.

"We have made a commitment to use government to create jobs. This is part of the commitments of the 6th Administration. Young people are the future and the government needs new and fresh ideas to improve service delivery.

In total, we have 700 young people that we are adding in our staff establishment. In light of the high levels of unemployment, government must intervene both in creating opportunities and as an enabler. We are serious about improving the capacity of the state as one of the key strategic objectives. We also want to ensure that in all our work, mainly infrastructure delivery, we are able to create jobs for young people. Beyond this, there are other innovations including other youth and women empowerment programmes," said Hlomuka.



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The Department is also rolling out a young empowerment programme dubbed Vukayibambe Routine Road Maintenance Programme (VRRM), which has employed about 6000 young people from all districts.

The Department is also implementing the Nation Youth Services Programme.

As part of the Expanded Public Works Programme, the Department through its Zibambele Women Headed Household programme, has employed about 41 000 women.

The Department is also moving with speed in filling critical posts as part of improving its capacity.

Since 2021/2022 financial year, about 1 353 posts have been advertised and are in the process of being filled.

These includes the recruitment of trainee traffic officers and grader operators.

For future job opportunities and adverts, follow the Department of Transport on its all social media platforms:

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