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### Media Advisory

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### **KWAZULU-NATAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT REFUTES ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE DUMPING OF APPLICATION FORMS FOR ITS DRIVER LICENSE PROGRAMME**

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport has noted the false propaganda, which has gone viral on social media that application forms for the Thuthuka Driver License Programme have been sent for recycling.

Pictures have been circulating of a truck filled with forms purporting to be application forms for the Thuthuka Driver License Programme.

Closer inspection of these forms reveal that the forms in the truck look nothing like the ones for the Department's driver license programme.

The Department of Transport refutes any allegations that it would send applications for recycling and challenges anyone with evidence to bring it forward and prove such allegations.

Firstly, when transporting such application forms from our regional offices the Department will always use government branded vehicles not private vehicles.

Secondly, the applications for this programme closed on 17 October 2023, therefore, the applications have not yet even been opened and attended to.

The selection committee is still going to meet, open all the boxes, which are still sealed at this stage, and attend to all the applications.

It is, therefore, malicious for people to take any random pictures or videos of documents being transported and assume that those are for our applicants, who desperately need drivers' licenses.

The Thuthuka Driver License Programme is an initiative taken by the Department to assist unemployed people with drivers' licenses.

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Sipho Hlomuka, in a media briefing few weeks ago, announced that more than 3000 unemployed people, including the youth will benefit from this programme.

This programme is augmenting the job creation campaign S'thesha Waya Waya, which is aimed at creating permanent jobs and to reduce levels of unemployment.

The Thuthuka Driver License Programme is part of our interventions to skilling the people of the province and to prepare them for the job market.

Since the advert came out on the 9th October 2023, the Department has received thousands of applications, which shows the high interest in this programme. Such level of interest proves the correctness of government making this intervention.



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The Department is looking for more resources to expand the number of beneficiaries for this programme and is also inviting the private sector and other strategic partners to come on board.

It is also engaging the driving schools through the Provincial Council to start preparing for the roll out of this important programme.

The Department has also noted some allegations referring to a list of beneficiaries, again, we want to state it categorically, that the process will be fair, and every applicant will be given an equal opportunity.

Issued by the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport

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