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KZN DOT IMPRESSED WITH PROGRESS IN THE THUTHUKA DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAMME AS MORE CANDIDATES SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THEIR LEARNERS' LICENSE TESTS OVER THE WEEKEND

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport is pleased with progress in the implementation of the Thuthuka Driver Training after scores of beneficiaries successfully wrote and completed their learners' licenses in various centres in the province.

Four centres were opened over the weekend to facilitate the writing of the learners' licenses. The four centres opened were Newcastle, Mkhondeni in Pietermaritzburg, Pinetown and Rossburgh in Durban.

It was scenes of mixed reactions as others passed their tests whilst others failed and will be afforded the opportunity to re-write. Departmental senior officials were deployed in all these centres to ensure the integrity of the processes. The assessment of those who were selected is continuing in various centres today.

The applicants have booked through the Online Learners' License booking system, which is being facilitated by the Road Traffic Management Corporations. After the learners' phase, applicants will then proceed for driver's license testing.

The writing of learners' is part of phase one for the Thuthutha Driver Training Programme which was launched by the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal Nomusa Dube-Ncube and the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Siphso Hlomuka. Four thousand (4 000) participants were successfully selected after more than 50 000 applications were received.

The Department is currently working with the driving school industry to facilitate the training of the candidates, who are unemployed South Africans. The programme is part of the empowering KZN citizens with skills needed to enter the job market.

Commenting on the progress on the learners' license tests, MEC Hlomuka commended the manner in which the assessments were conducted and congratulated those who successfully completed their assessments.

"The progress of the Thuthuka Driver Training Programme is important in empowering unemployed citizens. When we launched this programme, we did say our intention is to make a difference and change the lives of the people. As we speak now, there are people who have learner's licenses in their hands and who are preparing for drivers' license assessment through the intervention of this programme.

We commend the driving school sector for working with us in addressing all the challenges. We will continue to monitor and ensure the integrity of the assessment processes," said Hlomuka.

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