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GENERAL INFORMATION

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VISION

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport 's vision is:

“PROSPERITY THROUGH MOBILITY”

This means that all activities of the Department, and the manner in which the Department delivers services to communities, will increase the wealth and quality of life of all the citizens of the Province.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission statement of the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport is:

We will provide the public with a safe, integrated, regulated, affordable and accessible transportation system, and ensure that, in delivering on our mandate, we meet the developmental needs of our Province.

AND

We will promote a transparent and accountable government, plan in accordance with the needs of our customers, and ensure effective, efficient and transparent delivery of services through the appropriate involvement of the public and through regular and accurate reporting.

VALUES

- Teamwork
- Integrity
- Transparency
- Equity and fairness
- Mutual Trust and respect
- Customer service
- Courtesy and commitment

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LEGISLATIVE MANDATE AND CORE FUNCTIONS

LEGISLATIVE MANDATE

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport is responsible for the management of the transportation system in KwaZulu-Natal. This includes:

- The construction, upgrading, maintenance and control of the provincial road network;
- The regulation, management and overall control of public and freight transport operations;
- The registration and licensing of vehicles and drivers;
- The regulation of traffic;
- The implementation of Road Safety Campaigns and awareness programmes; and
- The management of the provincial vehicle fleet.

This responsibility is mandated in terms of the following Acts:

KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Minibus Taxi Act (Act 4, 1998)

This legislation mandates the Department within the province of KwaZulu-Natal to enact and implement regulatory mechanisms for the formalization of the minibus taxi industry.

This Provincial Act provides an enabling framework for the Provincial Department of Transport to legalise and regulate the minibus industry within the province, and accordingly, deals with the institutionalisation of mechanisms such as taxi associations, allocation of taxi routes, dispute resolution mechanisms, etc.

KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Roads Act (Act 4, 2001)

This Act provides for the transformation, restructuring, establishment and control of the KwaZulu-Natal provincial road network.

The legislation provides a framework to develop and implement provincial road policy, norms and standards, to provide for optimum road safety standards, efficient and cost effective management of the provincial road network assets, and the provision and development of equitable road access to all communities within the province, including previously disadvantaged communities, to provide for transparency in the development and implementation of provincial road network policies and practices and to provide for all matters connected therewith.

KwaZulu-Natal Procurement Act (Act 3, 2001)

This Provincial Act mandates the Department to procure goods and services in terms of processes and procedures that meet the requirements set by the Act. Policy guidelines and practice notes are issued by Provincial Treasury to assist the Department in this regard.



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KZN Road Traffic Act (Act 7, 1997)

This piece of legislation enacted by the Provincial Legislature in 1997 (Act no. 7 of 1997) mandates the Department (MEC) to make determinations in respect of traffic and licensing matters, where these are within provincial competence.

Other Relevant Acts:

- Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (Act 5, 2000)
- Public Finance Management Act (Act 1, 1999)
- Cross-border Act (Act 4, 1998)
- National Road Traffic Act (Act 93, 1996)
- Road Traffic Act (Act 29, 1989)
- National Land Transport Transition Act (Act 22, 2000)
- Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act (Act 53, 2003)
- The Construction Industry Development Board Act (Act 38, 2000)

CORE FUNCTIONS

Turning the vision of the Department into a reality can only be achieved by focusing the attention and energy of all employees and relevant stakeholders on the performance of core functions that are to produce results. The core functions are:

Road Infrastructure

To construct and maintain a balanced road network that complies with the Provincial Growth and Development Strategy.

Public and Freight Transport

The planning and provision of urban and rural public transport facilities, conducting transport studies, the control of road transportation, provision of transport planning frameworks, and the management of public transport services and the public road network.

Road Traffic

The registration and licensing of vehicles and drivers, the regulation of traffic on public roads, the maintenance and provision of visible road traffic signs, and the implementation of road safety campaigns and awareness programmes.

Support Functions

To effectively perform these core functions and to effectively deliver and provide services to the public, the Department needs technical and/or professional support in the following areas:

- Human Resource Management and Development;
- Financial Management;
- Communication;
- Monitoring and Evaluation;
- Procurement; and
- Legal services.