

Education Assistant Applications Now Open



Government, through its Basic Education Employment Initiative (BEEI), has called on unemployed youth to apply for the second phase of education assistants posts, which is now open and close on 3 October 2021.

As part of President Cyril Ramaphosa's Presidential Employment Stimulus Programme (PES), the Department of Basic Education seeks to provide 287 000 unemployed young people with employment and training opportunities in the education sector.

The initiative seeks to mitigate the devastating economic challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. In a statement, the de-

partment said qualifying applicants must currently be between the ages of 18 and 35. "Youth between the ages of 18 and 35, who are currently neither in education/training, nor receiving any form of government grant, as well as young people with disability and women, are eligible and encouraged to apply for this enriching experience," the department said. All successful candidates will be placed in schools for five months, from 1 November 2021 to 31 March 2022, for the available opportunities in Education Assistant - Curriculum, Education Assistant - ICT/e-Cadres; Education Assistant - Reading Champions; General School Assistant - Child & Youth Care Worker; General School Assistant - Hand-

yman (no matric required) and General School Assistant - Sports and Enrichment Agent (no matric required).

The department said for one to qualify as an Education Assistant, they must have passed matric English, while an NQF Level 4, 6 and 7 qualification certificate, will be an added advantage. However, for placement as a General School Assistant, a matric certificate is not required for Infrastructure Support and Sports and Enrichment Agents, although Trade Certificates will be an added advantage.

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Those who are interested in applying for placement are urged to visit sayouth.mobi to create a profile and submit their application. The department said that no walk-ins will be allowed in schools due to COVID-19 restrictions, therefore applicants must submit their applications online.

Those who are selected for shortlisting will be required to prepare the following documents:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Testimonials (former school, local chief, church leader, etc)
- Police clearance certificates
- Affidavit/Declaration by applicant stating

he/she has no criminal record while awaiting the Police clearance

- Certified qualifications such as Matric, (where applicable: NQF Level 4 qualification certificate, for Education Assistant applicants with NQF level 6 and 7 an added advantage)

- Certified copy of identity document, passport. The department said as in Phase I, there will be a strong emphasis on training participants, with a view to adding to their skills set, as well as setting them up for improved employment prospects. Young people recruited for Phase II of the Basic Education Employment Initiative can expect to receive training in the following areas: e-Cadres/ ICT Support, Child and Youth Care Workers (CYCW), Reading Champions, Infrastructure Maintenance, and Sports and Enrichment Agents, which is a new category for recruitment.

The department said that approximately 300 000 young people participated in Phase I of the Basic Education Employment Initiative (BEEI), which was successfully implemented from 1 December 2020 until 31 April 2021 in the basic education sector.

For updates on the BEEI Phase II, applicants can follow these platforms: SA Youth - sayouth.mobi - for applications, Twitter: @DBE_BEEI https://twitter.com/DBE_BEEI and Facebook: Basic Education Employment Initiative <https://www.facebook.com/phase2bee>. - SAnews.gov.za



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SAPS launches plan to increase police visibility



The South African Police Service (SAPS) has launched the "Country in Blue" campaign aimed at increasing police visibility across the country. Under the campaign, drone policing will also be introduced in some crime hotspots. The launch took place on Saturday at the Inanda policing precinct in Durban, an area which over the years has recorded the highest rates of contact crimes, including sexual offences and murder. Police Minister General Bheki Cele; the Deputy Minister of Police, Cassel Mathale; the National Commissioner of SAPS, General Khlehla Sitole; Provincial Commissioners; members of the Community Policing Forum (CPF) and traditional leaders attended the launch. The Country in Blue concept will see all security forces, civil society and government agencies working together.

Through this concept, all operational SAPS vehicles on the road will have their emergency warning blue lights switched on from sunset to sunrise (18:00 to 06:00). Additional operational vehicles will also be marked in a bid to ensure that police presence is enhanced. The concept further aims to deter all

forms of criminality and is embedded in the Community Policing Strategy, which mobilises more community patrollers to work closely with SAPS members as force-multipliers.

Under the theme, 'Extending our reach through blue light visibility', its overall goal is to prevent and combat crimes including gender-based violence and femicide, car-jacking, business and residential robberies, and the proliferation of firearms. Sitole said the Country in Blue concept is one of several crime combatting strategies to maximise police visibility.

"Because we want to be everywhere at all times, we are going to introduce drone policing in certain areas to ensure that we are visible. This is a bid to normalise and stabilise problematic areas, such [Inanda]. "Our slogan is squeezing the space for criminals through a declaration of a psychological war, for being everywhere all the time. They won't have anywhere to go," Sitole said. Cele called for better collaboration between communities and the police. "Policing has changed and this means police stations are no longer the centre of policing - streets should be centre of policing. "More boots and blue lights on the ground not only means police officers are visible at all times to deter criminality but officers should also be quick to respond to the needs of communities," Cele said. SAPS continues to call on citizens to take an active part in preventing and combatting crime by naming and shaming criminals within communities. This information may be brought to the attention of the SAPS through the MySAPS App, which can be downloaded on any smart phone or by calling the Crime Stop number on 0860010111. - SAnews.gov.za



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