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52 UNEMPLOYED GRADUATES COMMENCE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME IN THE EC DEPT OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT

A total of 52 Eastern Cape unemployed graduates started their internship programme in the Department of Roads and Transport Head Office and District Offices this week.

The department wanted 63 unemployed graduates and is still on the lookout for the remaining 11 together with any unemployed graduate with civil engineering.

The recruited interns are earning R5000 per month and were placed in the MEC’s Office, Human Resource Development, Supply Chain Management, Community-Based Transportation, Finance, Traffic Safety, Public Transport, Traffic Control, Information Technology Services and Human Resource Management.

The outstanding 11 graduates are needed for placement in Community-Based Transportation in the Alfred Nzo District, MEC’s Office, Human Resource Management, Public Transport and Traffic Control in the Chris Hani District, Supply Chain Management in Graaf-Reinet, Grahamstown, Cacadu and Chris Hani Districts.

“The total number of interns that we have already appointed for 2008/09 is 121 and we want 160 young traffic officers by 2009 as we intend to deploy 100 of them to 2010 FIFA World Cup operations. These traffic officers’ recruitment process will commence by the end of September 2008,” says Roads and Transport MEC Gloria Barry.

The key requirement for traffic law enforcement recruitment is Grade 12 certificate, driver’s licence and security clearance.
“This initiative seeks to deal with the challenge of scarce skills, which continues to be irksome to the department and forms part of our contribution to skills development and job creation,” MEC Barry explains.

Last year, a total of 396 young people of the Eastern Cape benefited in our bursaries, learnership and internship programmes.

Our Learnerships, Internships and Bursaries’ beneficiaries are explained in the paragraph below.

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