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Health Department concludes placement of medical graduates on Internship and Community Service Programme

Pretoria: The Department of Health has successfully completed the process of allocating all eligible medical interns and community service applicants on Internship and Community Service Programme (ICSP) for the next annual intake scheduled to commence in January 2023.

A total of 9 647 eligible South African citizens and Permanent Residents who applied for both medical internship (2 402) opportunities and community service (7 245) opportunities, were successfully allocated to enhance services in the public health sector as part of the last phase of their academic programme.

Almost 96.75% of the total applicants were allocated in their first five priority choices and only 3.25% were allocated outside their preferred five priority options. The department has allocated 73.96% applicants to health facilities based in rural and semi-rural areas, while the remaining 26.04% is allocated in urban areas. This is part of government efforts to prioritise rural and underserved areas in the country. The ICSP system has a functionality which allows the applicants to swap or exchange their allocated posts.

The online applications were processed between 14 and 28 October 2022 in accordance with the Internship and Community Service Placement guidelines, Public Service Regulations of 2016, Public Service Act, and the Immigration Act of 2002.

The first priority was given to South African citizens studied in local and foreign institutions of higher learning who met the minimum requirements, followed by permanent residents and lastly foreign nationals, depending on the availability of resources and funded posts.

The final results of allocation will be signed-off and sent to Provincial Departments of Health, South African Military Health Services and Department of Correctional Services for further processing and finalisation which entails issuing of appointment letters to successful applicants.

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