

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Placement of Medical Interns and Community Service Personnel for the 2023 Mid-Year Cycle

Pretoria: The Department of Health has concluded the 2023 mid-year internship and community service allocation process to enable **1134** eligible medical interns and community service personnel to assume employment on 1 July 2023.

All applicants have already been informed to report for duty on 01 July 2023, and only applicants who applied on the department's application portal have been considered.

According to the Internship and Community Service Placement guidelines, stricter rules have been applied in line with the Public Service Regulations 2016, Public Service Act, 1994 as amended, and the Immigration Act of 2002. A priority is given to eligible South African Citizens, followed by Permanent Residents, and if resources are still available Foreign Nationals may be considered.

This total number of **1134** eligible personnel consists of **114** medical interns and **1020** community service. The results have been sent to Provincial Departments of Health, South African Military Health Services and Department of Correctional Services for further contracting with allocated applicants.

In addition, 36 medical community service doctors will be eligible from 1 August 2023 and their allocation will be finalised in the first week of July 2023 with the Provincial Departments of Health. All final year medical students who will become eligible after 1 July 2023 can only be allocated in the annual cycle of January 2024. This is to ensure compliance with the prescribed rotations domains of training as stipulated in the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) Internship Guidelines.

The Department would like to thank everyone, including the Professional Associations and Union Representatives, who played an important role to assist applicants during the allocation process. The Provinces will further process appointments of qualifying personnel and the department is not under any contractual obligation at this point until formal appointment is conducted.

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