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**TRAINING OF EMERGENCY CARE
PRACTITIONERS**

The Provincial Department of Health has embarked on a programme of training emergency care-practitioners in basic life support. The pilot programme is being driven by Emergency Medical Rescue Services (EMRS), which falls within the Provincial Department of Health. This programme will run as part of an expansion of service programme and is targeted at unemployed matriculants. Selected unemployed candidates from throughout KwaZulu-Natal who have not been presented with an opportunity to further their studies to tertiary level will be considered for the programme. The training programme will run for three months and candidates will be trained by the department's College of Emergency Care.

Applicants must be in possession of a Grade 12 (matriculation) qualification, have a valid Code 10 drivers licence and a valid PDP. Applicants must be willing to undertake and sign a two-year contract with the department. An ability to communicate in isiZulu will be an added advantage. Since this is a pilot programme only 50 candidates will be registered into the training course. Trainees will have to register with the Health Professions Council of South Africa when they successfully complete the course.

Please note the selection process will include an assessment of driving skills and physical fitness. Candidates must be in a position to sign indemnity forms.



Interested individuals can obtain application forms from EMRS district offices throughout the province from Wednesday, 20 April 2005.

EMRS district offices are located as follows:

DISTRICT	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	CONTACT NUMBERS
Ugu District	2 Oscar Nero Road, Marburg	(039) 682 3301
UMgungundlovu	Townbush Road, Grey's Hospital (Ambulance Base)	(033) 394 8181
Uthukela	Crn. Fair Clough and Hyde Road, Ladysmith	(036) 637 7716
Umzinyathi	Handly Street, Dundee Hospital, Dundee	(034) 299 9501
Amajuba	4 Hospital Street, Newcastle Hospital	(034) 328 5501
Zululand	Ulundi Unit A	(035) 879 1187
Umkhanyakude	Department of Public Works Building, Jozini Main Road	(035) 572 3417
Uthungulu	2 Lood Avenue, Empangeni	(035) 787 0861
Ilembe	68 NRB House Cnr. Chief Albert Luthuli and Balcomb Street	(032) 437 6400
Sisonke	Ixopo Road (Ixopo Clinic)	(039) 834 1889
Ethekwini	1 University Lane, Warwick Avenue Durban	(031) 302 9911

Completed forms must be handed back to EMRS district offices. The closing date for applications is 15 May 2005. The department would like to stress that this is a pilot programme and if it proves successful it will continue on an ongoing basis.

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