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TRAINING OF EMERGENCY CARE PRACTITIONERS: PHASE TWO

Emergency Medical Rescue Services under the Provincial Department of Health is embarking on Phase Two of the recruit programme for emergency care practitioners in basic life support. This will also include training in Emergency Medical Dispatch and advanced driving training.

This follows the success of Phase One of the programme last year which saw 50 recruits being given certificates in Basic Life Support after successfully completing their training. These recruits are now employed as paramedics in the Emergency Medical Rescue Services. This programme started as a pilot project and is being driven by Emergency Medical Rescue Services (EMRS). The programme runs as part of an expansion of service programme targeted at unemployed matriculants. Selected unemployed candidates from throughout KwaZulu-Natal who have not been presented with an opportunity to further their studies at tertiary level are 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 (persons). Applicants must be willing to undertake and sign a contract with the department. An ability to communicate in isiZulu will be an added advantage.

The programme is targeting to recruit female candidates. Trainees will have to register with the Health Professions Council of South Africa when they successfully complete the course.

Interested individuals can obtain application forms from EMRS district offices throughout the province from Friday, 13 January 2006.



EMRS district offices are located as follows:

DISTRICT	PHYSICAL ADDRESS
Ugu District	2 Oscar Nero Road, Marburg
UMgungundlovu	Townbush Road, Grey's Hospital (Ambulance Base)
Uthukela	Crn. Fair Clough and Hyde Road, Ladysmith
Umzinyathi	Handly Street, Dundee Hospital, Dundee
Amajuba	4 Hospital Street, Newcastle Hospital
Zululand	Ulundi Unit A
Umkhanyakude	Department of Public Works Building, Jozini Main Road
Uthungulu	2 Lood Avenue, Empangeni
Ilembe	68 NRB House Cnr. Chief Albert Luthuli and Balcomb Street
Sisonke	Ixopo Road (Ixopo Clinic)
Ethekwini	1 University Lane, Warwick Avenue Durban

Completed forms must be handed back to EMRS district offices. **The closing date for applications is 30 January 2006.**

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