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## KZN Department of Health clarifies bursary application criteria and procedure

Around this time of the year, the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health is usually inundated with bursary-related enquiries from parents and matric pupils as they await their final examinational results.

The Department would like to clarify a few issues which may assist the pupils, including the following facts:

- Bursaries for the KZN Department of Health are advertised between 01 April - 31 August every year.
- Bursaries are advertised on the following platforms; Simama Newspaper, [Department of Health Internet](#), Department of Health Intranet, Hospitals, Clinics, Local offices working with Operation Sukuma Sakhe and sometimes local newspapers.
- The closing is 31 August every year.

The Department offers bursaries in the following categories, depending on the needs of the Department:

Bachelor of Clinical Medical Practice (BCMP), Health Promotion, Medicine, Audiology, Dietetics, Pharmacy, Radiography (Diagnostic and Ultrasound), Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Optometry, Medical Orthotics and Prosthetics, Psychology (Clinical), and Emergency Medical Care.

In order to be considered, the applicant must:

- Be from KZN;
- Have a good academic record;
- Have proof of application/registration to a Tertiary Institution;
- Not be in receipt of another bursary;
- Not have another degree/diploma.

A poster advertising the KZN Department of Health's Bursary Programme will be placed at all Provincial Hospitals, Internet, Clinics and Municipal Offices, and will clearly display the respective fields of study / scarce skills required by the KZN Department of Health.

The applicant must ensure that he/she applies for a bursary if the intended field of studying for a degree/diploma is captured and advertised on the poster per District.

Applicants may therefore not apply for a bursary if the field of study they intend studying toward is not captured /reflected on the advert poster.

Applicant should be from the KwaZulu-Natal Province and reside in a specific district, as bursaries are provided per catchment area, and consideration is given to the place of residence per municipal ward. All applicants may obtain a KZN Department of Health Bursary Application Form from the Government Hospital, Human Resource Department, closest to their family home in KZN.

Applicants are advised NOT to go to the nearest Government Hospital to where they stay while at University, as this may not be their home town and/ or province. The applicant or a family member must collect and sign for the application form.

The fully completed application form must be returned to the same Hospital it was collected from. Applicants are urged to kindly note the following:

- No posted Application will be considered;
- No late application will be considered, and

- Applicants may therefore not apply for a bursary if the field of study they intend studying toward is not captured /reflected on the advert poster.

Officials dealing with Bursaries can be contacted at Human Resources Development offices at all KZN Department of Health Hospitals.

The KwaZulu-Natal Department is committed to assist all qualifying students in their quest to further their studies and help government attain its goal of quality healthcare for all.

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