



Province of the
EASTERN CAPE
EDUCATION

2026 UNEMPLOYED BURSARY

ADVERT

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EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BURSARIES FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTH FOR 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Eastern Cape Department of Education (ECDOE) is inviting RSA Citizens, Unemployed Youth (18 – 35) from the province, to apply for a bursary for fulltime studies at registered public South African Higher Education Institution.

Financially needy applicants, performing academically well will be prioritised. Current Grade 12 Learners are welcome to apply, completed Students who are already enrolled at a Higher Public Education Institution without any funding are also invited to apply.

Applications are to be aligned to the requirements at detected by the advert and no deviation will be accepted.

The following criteria shall be applied in the selection process of all unemployed bursaries implemented by the ECDoE:

1. Duly completed application form as per ECDOE checklist
2. South African citizen residing in the Eastern Cape
3. Applied for studies in a registered Public Higher Education.
4. Fields of study aligned to disciplines classified as scarce and critical skills within the Eastern Cape Department of Education.
5. Demographic Spread (Race, Gender, Age & Persons living with disabilities)
6. Academic achievement of applicants
7. Applicants to be between the ages of 18 - 35.
8. Geographic location (District aligned award model) aligned to the advert.
9. First Time Beneficiaries of State Funded Bursary or Scheme will be prioritised
10. Applications to be aligned to each type of Bursary advertised and meet the objectives of the bursary.

MILITARY VETERAN DEPENDANTS' BURSARY

A special investment has been set aside by the ECDoE through its Special Programmes for unemployed youth who are Military Veteran Dependants. This bursary is a special project within ECDOE unemployed bursaries programmes.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be registered or accepted at any Public Higher Institution.
- Must be a dependant of a Military Veteran.
- All selection process terms and conditions applicable.



Required documents to be submitted:

- Application Letter
- Bursary Application form
- Proof of Registration/ Admission from the institution of choice. (Public Institution)
- Certified ID copy.
- Certified Matric Certificate
- Proof of dependency to a Military Veteran.

Benefits:

- The Bursary pays up to maximum of R100 000.00, depending from an Institution to Institution of Higher Learning
- The Bursary covers: Registration, Tuition, Residence, Meals and Books

BURSARY FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTH LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

A new opportunity has been created by the ECDOE through HRD for unemployed youth with disabilities who are former students of ECDoE Special Schools. This special programme seeks to achieve the objective of creation of equal access to skills programmes offered by the Department to all unemployed youth of the EC Province. The following programmes are targeted to be offered:

- Handyman Program (Tiling and Plastering, Bricklaying, Carpentry, Plumbing and Painting)
- Assistant Chef Programme
- Hair Dressing
- Art (Music, Ceramic Designs, Fine Arts)
- Dress making
- Beadmaking
- Boiler making
- Auto body and painting
- Holistic Massage and Beauty

Requirements:

- Applicants must be between the age of 18 – 45.
- Former ECDoE learner of ECDoE Special School

Required documents to be submitted:

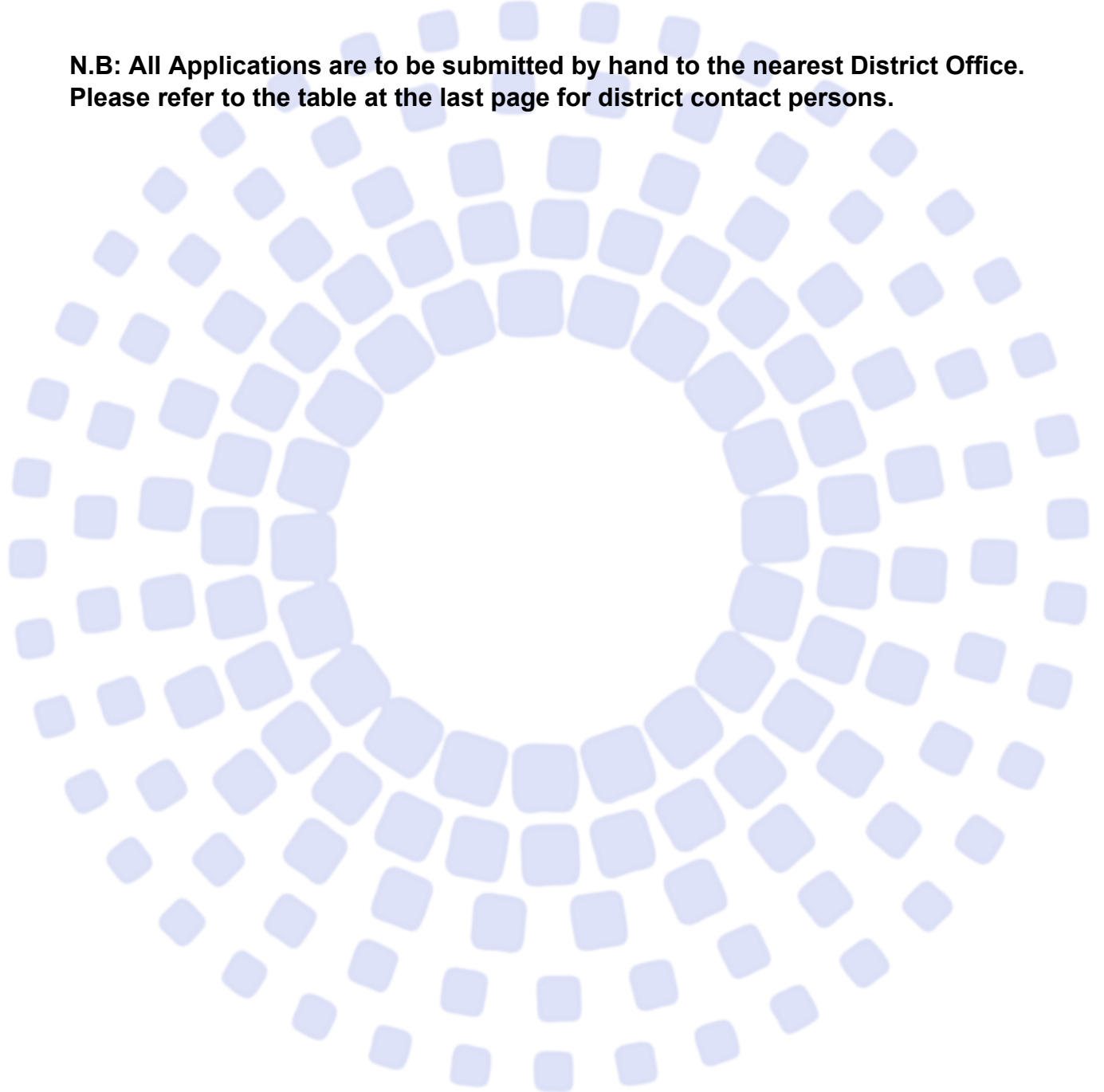
- Application Letter
- Testimonial from the former school
- Proof of Registration/ Admission from the institution of choice.
- Certified ID copy.
- Certified Certificates
- Proof of disability (Medical Certificate)



Benefits:

- The Bursary will cover: Registration, Tuition, Residence, Meals and Books
- If the applicant is selected for skills programme, the Department will provide for Tuition, Venues and Catering to all successful applicants.

**N.B: All Applications are to be submitted by hand to the nearest District Office.
Please refer to the table at the last page for district contact persons.**





This is an opportunity that has been created for unemployed youth who have interest in pursuing Teaching as a profession of choice.

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION (Full Time)

Target	Qualification	Areas
Unemployed Graduates who have qualifications that have a minimum of 2 Teaching Subjects.	PGCE	FET Phase: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathematics (Pure Maths)• Life Sciences• Physical Sciences• Geography• Technical Subjects

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (B Ed) DEGREE (Full Time)

Target	Qualification	Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unemployed Youth 18 - 35	B Ed - Foundation Phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundation Phase
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unemployed Youth 18 - 35	B Ed – Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IsiXhosa, Sesotho, Afrikaans & English

And the below Areas (Phases and Subject Priority) of interest:



Foundation Phase (Grades R-3)	Intermediate Phase (Grades 4-6)	National Subject Priorities Senior/ FET Phase (Grades 7-12)
<p>Educators that can teach in both a Language of Learning and Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IsiXhosa • Sesotho • English • Afrikaans • Mathematics • Braille • SASL • Neurodevelopmental Needs • Remedial Teaching 	<p>Educators that can teach in Content and Languages of Learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IsiXhosa • Sesotho • English • Afrikaans • Mathematics • Natural Sciences & Technology • Braille • SASL • Neurodevelopmental Needs • Remedial Teaching 	<p>Educators that can teach in Content (Afrikaans as LOLT) and Languages of Learning: Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 07-09: IsiXhosa • Grade 10-12: IsiXhosa • Grades 07-09: Sesotho • Grades 10- 12: Sesotho • Grades 07-09: English • Grades 10-12: English • Grades 07-09: Afrikaans • Grades 10-12: Afrikaans • Grades 07 - 09: Mathematics • Grades 10 - 12: Mathematics • Grade 10 – 12 Physical Science • Grades 10 – 12 Life Sciences • Grades 07 - 09: Natural Sciences • Grades 07 - 09: Technology • Grades 08 - 12: Electrical Engineering • Grades 10 - 12: Technical Mathematics • Grades 10 - 12: Technical Sciences • Grades 10 - 12: Agricultural Sciences • Grades 10 - 12: Agricultural Technology • Grades 08 - 12: Computer Applications Technology • Grades 08 - 12: Electrical Technology • Grades 07 - 12: Engineering Graphic and Design Technology • Grades 08 - 12: Mechanical Technology • Grades 08 - 12: Civil Technology • Grades 08 - 12: Information Technology • Grades 10 - 12: Nautical Sciences • Grade 10 – 12: Maritime Economics • Grades 10 - 12: Maritime Studies and Maritime Science • Grade 7 – 12: Coding and Robotics • Grades 07 - 09: Braille • Grades 10 - 12: Braille • Grades 07 - 09: SASL • Grades 10 - 12: SASL • Grades 07 - 09: Neurodevelopmental Needs • Grades 10 - 12: Neurodevelopmental Needs • Grades 07-09: Remedial Teaching



CRITERIA FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTH

- The selection criteria set above is applicable.
- Applicants must meet minimum requirements from the University.

DETAILED DISTRICT ALLOCATION PER BURSARY OFFERED

District	Military Dependants	Skills / Bursary Programmes (Living with Disability)	PGCE	Foundation/ Intermediate/ Senior & FET Phase
Alfred Nzo East	02	10	10	05
Alfred Nzo West	03	10	10	05
Amathole East	02	09	05	05
Amathole West	02	10	05	05
Buffalo City Metro	01	10	10	08
Chris Hani East	02	10	05	05
Chris Hani West	01	10	05	05
Joe Gqabi	01	10	05	05
Nelson Mandela Bay	01	10	10	05
OR Tambo Coastal	01	10	10	07
OR Tambo Inland	02	10	10	08
Sarah Baartman	01	10	05	05
Total	19	119	90	68



Applications are obtainable from all 12 Districts throughout the Eastern Cape Province including Head Office (HRD Office) or can be downloaded from the ECDoE website (www.ecdoe.gov.za)

For enquiries, please contact the following contact persons:

DISTRICT	CONTACT PERSON	DITRICT OFFICE ADDRESS
Alfred Nzo East	Miss B Nonjovu 079 251 5666	Department of Education, Old Bizana Village Building, next to Total Garage
Alfred Nzo West	Mr. Lwazi Myolwa 083 374 4126 Miss S Mabetshe 066 595 5214	Erf 391 Sopha Road HRD Office Department of Education Mount Frere, 5090
Amathole East	Miss Z Ntshongo 073 229 0182	Mission Location, Butterworth Training College, Dept. of Education, Butterworth, 4960
Amathole West	Miss T Hobongwana 065 928 6592 Mr. Masixole Ngwevela 078 584 6268	Healdtown Road Cape College Building Fort Beaufort, 5720
Buffalo City Metro	Mr. M Maqanda 071 899 6598	Dr.W. B Rubusana Building Mazawele Street Mdantsane, 5219
Chris Hani East	Miss N Tonjeni 078 608 1827	No.26 Market Street Prefabs Building Engcobo
Chris Hani West	Miss K Manjati 079 586 4900	Bathandwa Office Park, New Building, Block 1 Queenstown
Joe Gqabi	Mr. VB Molefe 076 810 9517	Mt Fletcher: Resource Centre Building, Hospital Road: 039 257 0048 Sterkspruit: Former Bensonvale College of Education Sterkspruit: 051 611 0052



DISTRICT	CONTACT PERSON	DITRICT OFFICE ADDRESS
Nelson Mandela Bay	Mr. Patrick Banda 083 500 2611	05 Sutton Road Sidewell Ethel Valentine Building Gqeberha, 6056
OR Tambo Coastal	Ms. Siphokazi Mdala 082 938 4510 Mr. V Mdontsane 065 518 0286	Old Lusikisiki Private BagX1010 Lusikisiki, 4820
OR Tambo Inland	Mrs. B Matolengwe 073 489 2614 Mrs. Akhona Tali-Kongo 084 660 9010	Corner Owen and Leeds Street, Botha Sigcau Building.P/Bag x 5003: 047 5024 204
Sarah Baartman	Mrs. Ntombizakhe Motsamai 076 115 0454	19 Hugh Street, Humansdorp, / Cnr of Milner Street St Aidens Building Grahamstown

PROVINCIAL	CONTACT PERSON	OFFICE ADDRESS
Head Office	Mr. L. Mgijima Deputy Director: HRD 040 608 4552	Steve Vukile Tshwete Complex, Zone 6 Zwelitsha, 5608, Private Bag X0032 5608
Head Office	Mr. N. Matika Acting Director - HRD 040 608 4753	Steve Vukile Tshwete Complex, Zone 6 Zwelitsha, 5608, Private Bag X0032 5608

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