

MEDIA STATEMENT

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MINISTER NZIMANDE CONGRATULATES THE 2022 MATRICULATION CLASS

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande, congratulates the 2022 matriculation class for attaining 80.1% national Matric pass rate.

Out of the 2022 matric class, 278,815 students achieved a bachelor's pass, 197,357 (26.7%) achieved a diploma pass, and 14.9% (108,159) achieved a higher certificate pass, regardless of the fact that this class faced significant challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic and load shedding.

"I must indicate that the matric pass rates for each province will be a helpful planning instrument for the post school education and training sector for the further allocation of resources, particularly for our technical vocational education and training sector and our community colleges," said Minister Nzimande.

The Minister said that the PSET sector is well prepared to welcome these new cohort of students in all our institutions.

Minister Nzimande advises all students to urgently contact their institution and for those who applied for financial assistance to contact the National Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) to finalise their application processes.

Minister Nzimande will be announcing the Post School Education and Training Sector (PSET) state of readiness for the academic year 2023 through a media briefing that will be held next week, Tuesday, 24 January 2023.

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