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# Public works plans to help skill graduates

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IN A bid to reduce unemployment and skills shortage, the public works, roads and transport provincial department is offering an internship programme to unskilled and unemployed graduates for a year under the guidance of mentors.

Department spokesperson David Nkambule said the programme was for the 2012-2013 financial year and was being offered to graduates in various fields, including civil, electrical and structural engineering, architecture, quantity surveying, building science and petrol and diesel mechanic.

Nkambule said the programme was meant for graduates aged between 18 and 35. He said candidates who were also in possession of diplomas or degrees in public administration, transport, project and public management, auditing, accounting, finance, logistics, supply chain management, human resources, real estate and labour relations should also make applications before the closing date on February 22.

“Graduates from previously disadvantaged communities are encouraged to apply. The department plans to inject more funds into the programme in a bid to address the high level of unskilled and unemployed youths in the country,” Nkambule said.

He said an amount of R2m was spent towards the initiative in the past financial year. “A total of 52 graduates benefitted from the programme last



**OPPORTUNITY: David Nkambule invites jobless graduates.** PICTURE: FRANCE NYAKA

year. However, the department plans to increase the number of beneficiaries to 98,” Nkambule said.

Interested parties should submit their certified qualifications with curriculum on a Z83 application form which is obtainable from government offices.

The applications can be forwarded to the human resource utilisation and capacity development’s senior manager, public works, roads and transport by contacting cell 071 608 1059.

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