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New engineers welcomed at DTPW

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THE department of transport and public works (DTPW) yesterday said it was delighted to welcome 10 civil engineering graduates into its 2017 professional development programme (PDP).

As recipients of the DTPW Masakh'iSizwe bursary programme, the graduates are expected to gain practical experience as candidate engineers, technologists and technicians at private companies.

"This is a key part of the department's ongoing efforts to address the shortage of transport, built environment and engineering professionals in the Western Cape," the department said in a statement, yesterday.

Although they had their tertiary qualifications, graduates could only be registered as professionals once they met the requirements of the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA).

The PDP provided four years of training, mentoring, support, on-the-job exposure and professional supervision designed to enable graduates to apply for ECSA registration.



WELCOMED: The team of civil engineering graduates on the public works and transport department's professional development programme.

Their development and progress will be closely monitored and, where necessary, the package of support would be adjusted to meet specific needs.

Since its inception in 2010, DTPW said it had successfully trained and mentored 11 graduates.

Of these, eight had been employed

permanently in the road network management branch.

"The PDP participants can expect to be deployed on DTPW road infrastructure projects, given exposure to road traffic design systems, and receive on-site supervision," the department said.