

Youth service artisan training scheme opens

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THE National Youth Service is inviting local youths aged 18 to 35 to take part in its artisans programme for the 2018-19 financial year.

The recruitment drive for candidates was being spearheaded by the provincial department of public works, roads and transport.

The 12-month programme is aimed at boosting the uptake of artisans in the building sector.

Spokesperson for the department, David Nkambule, said the candidates should be in possession of a national senior certificate with subjects like mathematics and science to qualify to take part in the programme.

Participants would be exposed to both practical training and theory on painting, bricklaying, welding and carpentry.

He said detailed information would be offered during workshops scheduled in all the provincial districts.

The National Youth Service is a nationwide programme which seeks to address the shortages of artisans in the built environment.

“During training, candidates will acquire artisan skills such as landscaping, plastering, tiling, carpentry, door hanging, boiler making, plumbing, electrical works and welding,” Nkambule said.

He said the skills to be acquired from the programme would assist the candidates in searching for employment opportunities.

“After completion of the programme they will be accredited with certificates of artisanship which will enable them to enter the employment market,” Nkambule said.

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