

## **The DPWI pays for the tertiary education of 43 young South Africans who are gearing to start their 2022 academic year**

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The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) has awarded forty-three (43) young South Africans from all the 9 provinces, with bursaries to cover the cost of their tertiary education.

The value of the bursary is estimated at R150 000 per student per year. This amount covers tuition, accommodation, meals, textbooks, laptop, project, books, excursions, workshops and monthly stipend.

The bursaries are awarded to students who plan to study at various accredited universities - for the courses in the built environment such as Electrical Engineering, Construction Studies and Quantity Surveying among others. This as the country has a lack of skills in the public sector for built environment professionals.

Awarding the bursaries in Pretoria on 2 February 2022, DPWI Minister Patricia De Lille congratulated the recipients for having achieved excellent results in Grade 12 and she advised them to continue to work hard in order to one day become the professionals that will help build South Africa up.

Over the past 8 years, the DPWI has awarded bursaries to 401 students since the Department's bursary programme started in 2014, an investment of R52million into the lives of the students.