

MPUMALANGA
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION



MARCH 2026
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1. IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Maech 2026 Open Vacancy List serves to -

- advertise vacant principal posts, deputy principal posts as well as departmental head (HOD) posts; and
- Advertise critical vacant support staff posts at school.

The Vacancy List is compiled per District, and is alphabetically sorted according to Circuits and Schools. The contact number of the school or the circuit office to which the school is currently attached has been provided in all cases for purposes of enquiries.

The educator posts in this Vacancy List are advertised in terms of section 6(1)(2)(3) and 7(1), of the Employment of Educators Act, 1998, as amended, read with ELRC Resolution No 2 of 2003.

The Mpumalanga Department of Education reserves the right to amend the salary levels of principal posts should the grading of a school change, as well as to withdraw any advertised post at any point in time should it be deemed necessary.

This Vacancy List as well as all related documents can also be accessed on the Departmental website at www.mpumalanga.gov.za/education/, selecting the Vacancies icon.

2. DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF DUTY

The District Directors or the delegated officials will consider the recommendations of the legally constituted governing bodies regarding these posts. If the District Director or delegated official approves a recommendation, the relevant District HR Component will issue a formal offer letter of appointment. **No candidate may assume duty in an advertised post until such time that he/she receives a formal approval of appointment from the District Office.**

If the candidate accepts the offered post, Form EDU 4 (Notice of Assumption of Duty) should be completed and submitted to the relevant District HR Component as soon as he/she formally assumes the duties of the advertised post in question. On receipt of the Form EDU 4, the relevant District HR Component will implement the necessary pay point - and/or salary adjustments as well as issue a final detailed letter of appointment.

3. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

The closing time and date for the physical receipt of applications at the District Offices is **15h00 on Thursday 09 April 2026**. No applications received by the relevant District HR Components after the closing date and time will be considered.

The Department takes no responsibility for applications that are lost, or that are received after the closing date and time - even if said applications were sent through Post Office speed services or a courier service. Incomplete applications, applications with wrong or incomplete post numbers and applications which are sent to wrong addresses and/or which reach their destination after the deadline, will not be considered.

4. PROCEDURE WHEN APPLYING

Separate application forms should be submitted for **every** vacancy per the appropriate application form i.e.:

- **Form EDU1: Application for a Teaching Post, of which an example is attached, should be utilised to apply for any advertised educator post. All applicants are required to utilise this version of the Form EDU 1.**
- **Employees who are recommended for appointment to the post must submit Certificate in terms of Section 44 of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offenders Related Matters) Amendment Act no 32 of 2007 (NRSO Certificate).**

Originally recent certified copies of qualifications – Academic Transcripts of all Qualifications will be to the advantage of the applicants in the case of HOD posts, RSA Identity Document and Drivers Licence (if a Drivers Licence is compulsory in terms of the advertised post requirements) - certified within the past 3 months - should be attached in all cases, while applicants for educator posts should also attach an originally certified copy of their SACE registration certificate – also certified within the past 3 months. Applicants for educator posts however do not have to attach certified copies of their Senior Certificates if they have attached certified copies of their tertiary qualifications. Applications without certified copies of the required documents as outlined will not be considered. Please note that a passport or driver's license will not be accepted in lieu of an Identity Document.

It is in the applicant's own interest to include an updated Curriculum Vita as well as certified copies of testimonials and other supporting documents to each application form. Original documents will not be returned.

The complete post number of the vacancy for which an application is made as well as the applicant's PERSAL number (if already employed by Government) must be indicated on the application form. The envelope is to be marked **"APPLICATION FOR ADVERTISED POST – MARCH 2026"**.

Applicants must ensure that all the information provided on the Application Form is correct, especially the Post Reference Number of the advertised post in question.

Where an educator has previously terminated his /her services on grounds of continuous ill health, a recent confirmation of the registered medical practitioner shall be attached to the application.

The Department does not accept responsibility for post reference numbers which have been omitted or filled in incorrectly on the application form, and such applications will not be considered.

Applications should be addressed to the relevant district office to which the school in question is attached, as indicated at the top of every page of the Vacancy List.

• **APPLICATIONS FOR POSTS ADVERTISED FOR SCHOOLS IN THE GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT**

FOR DELIVERY BY MAIL

The District Director
Gert Sibande District
Attention: HR Provisioning
Private Bag x 9029
Ermelo
2350

FOR DELIVERY BY COURIER

Section: HR Provisioning,
De Jager Street 2,
Ermelo.

(A container for hand-delivered applications will be placed with the HR Registry, but will be removed on 09 April 2026 at 15h00)

ENQUIRIES

Mr. Xolani Hlatshwayo
☎ (017) 801 5226

• **APPLICATIONS FOR POSTS ADVERTISED FOR SCHOOLS IN THE NKANGALA DISTRICT**

FOR DELIVERY BY MAIL

The District Director
Nkangala District
Attention: HR Provisioning
Private Bag x 4021
KwaMhlanga
1022

FOR DELIVERY BY COURIER

Section: HR Provisioning,
KwaMhlanga Government Complex,
Building No 5, Ground Floor.

(A container for hand-delivered applications will be placed at the Ex-Technikon Building 9, KwaMhlanga, but will be removed on 09 April 2026 at 15h00)

ENQUIRIES

Ms Lebo Malatjie
☎ (013) 947 1725

• **APPLICATIONS FOR POSTS ADVERTISED FOR SCHOOLS IN THE EHLANZENI DISTRICT**

FOR DELIVERY BY MAIL

The District Director
Ehlanzeni District
Attention: HR Provisioning
Private Bag x 1014
Kanyamazane
1214

FOR DELIVERY BY COURIER

Section: HR Provisioning,
(Former Mgwenya College Buildings),
Kanyamazane.

(A container for hand-delivered applications will be placed with the HR Registry, but will be removed on 09 April 2026 at 15h00)

ENQUIRIES

Ms Thandiwe
Chiloane
☎ (013) 766 0493

• **APPLICATIONS FOR POSTS ADVERTISED FOR SCHOOLS IN THE BOHLABELA DISTRICT**

FOR DELIVERY BY MAIL

The District Director
Bohlabela District
Attention: HR Provisioning
Private Bag x 1024
Hazyview
1242

FOR DELIVERY BY COURIER

Section: HR Provisioning,
(Former Mapulaneng College Buildings),
Bushbuckridge.

(A container for hand-delivered applications will be placed with the HR Registry, but will be removed on 09 April 2026 at 15h00)

ENQUIRIES

Ms Thuli Shakwane
☎ (013) 766 7892

NB! Applications that are sent by fax will under no circumstances be considered.

5. ADVERTISED EDUCATOR POSTS: APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS AND SALARY

5.1 General Appointment Requirements (Educator posts)

An educator can only be appointed if he/she is either a South African citizen or has been granted permanent residency and in possession of an RSA ID Document, holds an appropriate professional qualification, is of sound character, is medically fit and is registered with the South African Council for Educators. Educators who took the Voluntary Severance Package (VSP) will not be

considered for appointment. Medically boarded Educators must first be declared medically fit before they can apply for re-employment. Please note that the applications of applicants, who have already reached the compulsory retirement age of 65, will not be considered.

Requirements for appointment of educator who have prematurely terminated their services due to early retirement.

The re-appointment of an educator who has prematurely exited the education system due to early retirement, shall be subject to prior approval from the Accounting Officer as determined by Chapter 2, paragraph 4 of the Regulations promulgated under the Employment of Educators Act, 1998 (Act 76 of 1998) and Chapter B, paragraph 3.4 of the Personnel Administration Measures. All stakeholders should ensure that the requirements in terms of the relevant prescripts be met and be duly motivated where such an educator is recommended for appointment.

5.2 Minimum Requirements in terms of Qualifications (Educator posts)

All persons must have at least a recognised three-year qualification (REQV13) that must include appropriate training as a teacher in order to qualify for appointment as an educator. **The Department reserves the right to issue criteria in this regard for application during the selection processes.** Where applicants do not comply with the requirements (REQV 13), but it is nevertheless essential to appoint them, such cases will be regarded as individual relaxations of the requirements and the successful applicants will be remunerated in accordance with the appropriate lower salary levels. The Department reserves the right to verify the qualifications of recommended candidates prior to the issuing of an offer of appointment. Foreign qualifications are subject to evaluation by the national Department of Higher Education and Training in Pretoria.

5.4 Minimum Requirements in terms of Experience (Educator posts)

Actual educator experience as well as appropriate experience will be taken into account for purposes of short listing and appointment. Appropriate experience includes knowledge, skill and attitude e.g. knowledge of material conditions in a primary school may be deemed appropriate experience for appointment in a primary school. **The Department reserves the right to issue criteria in this regard for application during the selection processes.**

The minimum requirements in respect of experience for appointment to the different educator posts in schools are as follows:

POST	YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
Principal S1	0
Principal P1	3
Principal P2	5
Principal P3	7
Principal P4	7
Principal P5	8

In terms of the above, an applicant with an REQV13 qualification will for instance need at least five years actual experience to be eligible to apply for a vacant post of Principal P2.

5.5 Requirements in terms of Language (Educator posts)

For permanent appointment to an advertised post, due consideration should be given to the requirements of said post in respect of language competence.

5.6 Salary (Educator posts)

The salaries of successful applicants are determined according to the measures as approved by the Minister of Basic Education. The minimum (entry) notch for the different posts is as follows:

POST	REQV	NOTCH CODE	MINIMUM NOTCH PER ANNUM
Principal P1	13+	210	R 435240
Principal P2	13+	244	R 514563
Principal P3	13+	280	R 614244
Principal P4	13+	309	R 706842
Principal P5	13+	350	R 858426

6. ADVERTISED EDUCATOR POSTS: SELECTION- AND APPOINTMENT PROCESSES

6.1 Please note that all processes pertaining to the appointment of educators in institutions must be in line with section 6(3) of the Employment of Educators Act, 1998, as amended by section 7 of the Education Laws Amendment Act, No 24 of 2005.

6.2 It should further be noted that the power to appoint school-based educators in promotional posts on post levels 2 to 4 is currently delegated to District Directors in the Mpumalanga Department of Education.

- 6.3 Any appointment, promotion or transfer to any post on the educator establishment of a public school may only be made on the recommendation of the governing body of the school, and if there are educators in the Mpumalanga Department of Education who are in excess of the educator establishment of a public school due to operational requirements, that recommendation may be made from candidates identified by the Head of Department, who are in excess and suitable for the post concerned.
- 6.4 Only legally constituted school governing bodies may make recommendations for appointment. Until the relevant governing body is established, the appointment, promotion or transfer in a temporary capacity to any promotional post on the educator establishment must be made by the District Director where a new public school is established in terms of the South African Schools Act, 1996, and any applicable provincial law.
- 6.5 In considering the applications, the governing body must ensure that the principles of equity, redress and representativity are complied with, and the governing body or council **must** adhere to –
- the democratic values and principles referred to in section 7(1) of the Employment of Educators Act, 1998, i.e. equality, equity and the other democratic values and principles which are contemplated in section 195(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, and which include the ability of the candidate, and the need to redress the imbalances of the past in order to achieve broad representation;
 - any procedure collectively agreed upon or determined by the Minister for the appointment, promotion or transfer of educators;
 - any requirement collectively agreed upon or determined by the Minister for the appointment, promotion or transfer of educators which the candidate must meet;
 - School Governing Bodies are required to include a subject specialist (Curriculum Implementer – responsible for the specific subject(s)) from the District Office as resources person for the selection processes of Head of Department posts to assist with the content knowledge of the subject(s);
 - a procedure whereby it is established that the candidate is registered or qualifies for registration as an educator with the South African Council for Educators; and
 - Procedures that would ensure that the recommendation is not obtained through undue influence on the members of the governing body or the council, as the case may be.
- 6.6 The governing body must ensure that the principles of equity are taken into account with a view to specifically address the following areas of under- representation as identified in the Departmental Employment Equity Plan:
- 6.6.1 The provincial Gender ratio reveals that women make up 51% of the population and Men 49%. The Gender profile for teachers in the province reveals that women make up two thirds of the teaching workforce in the province, while men represent only one third. Despite this the analysis of gender equity over post levels indicates under-representation of women in Deputy Principal - and Principal posts.
- 6.6.2 The Department needs to work toward achieving 50% representation of women in these post levels, and the application of the Equity plan must at the same time be managed in such a way that male teachers do not feel threatened in terms of proceeding along a career path within the MDE. The status of the respective districts should be noted for purposes of benchmarking the districts' progress towards achieving the 50% gender equity goal in respect of Deputy Principal - and Principal posts

Office	Principals As on 20260228			
	Total Principal Posts	Serving Female Principals	Serving Male Principals	% Female Principals
Bohlabela	374	106	214	33%
Ehlanzeni	358	108	215	33%
Gert Sibande	410	156	221	41%
Nkangala	485	197	250	44%
Provincial Total	1627	567	900	39%

- 6.6.3 The Department should furthermore adhere to the national target that **2%** of all staff should consist of people with disabilities. In this regard all offices and levels are not even close to compliance with said national target, and every opportunity to employ or promote a person with disability should be utilised to ensure that people who were discriminated against in the workplace in terms of disability, are empowered to enable them to gain access to and compete for posts, including those at the highest level.
- 6.7 **SGB's are reminded that educator posts advertised in this Vacancy List are all created in terms of the Employment of Educators Act, 1998 (Act 76 of 1998); and only unions party to the Educator Labour Relations Council (ELRC) should be invited as observers to the selection processes. Please note that the observer status should be based on the status of the post (i.e. educator or non-educator) and not on any member's personal affiliation, and only teacher unions should be invited to observe proceedings in respect of educator posts.**

- 6.8 On conclusion of the short listing- and selection processes as prescribed, the governing body must submit to the District Director through the line function, a list of at least three names of recommended candidates in order of preference; or fewer than three candidates in consultation with the District Director.
- 6.9 When the District Director considers the recommendation contemplated in paragraph 7.8, he or she is required, before making an appointment, to ensure that the governing body has met the requirements in paragraphs 7.5 and 7.6. If the governing body has not met these requirements the District Director must decline the recommendation.
- 6.10 Despite the order of preference of the governing body's recommended candidate list, the District Director may appoint any suitable candidate on the list.
- 6.11 If the District Director declines a governing body's recommendation, he or she must consider all the applications submitted for the post, apply the requirements in paragraphs 7.5 and 7.6, and either appoint a suitable candidate in a temporary capacity with a view to making that appointment permanent, or re-advertise the post. If the District Director decides to appoint one of the applicants - other than a person on the list recommended by the governing body - in a temporary capacity, the governing body or council may appeal the decision of the District Director to the MEC within 14 days. This appeal must be finalised by the MEC within 30 days. If no appeal is lodged within 14 days, the District Director may convert the temporary appointment into a permanent appointment in terms of section 6B of the Employment of Educators Act, 1998, as amended.

8. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS – ALL ADVERTISED POSTS

The minutes of the selection and interviewing process serves as a record of such proceedings as well as the reference documents in case of any grievances. The Head of Department or the delegated official needs to ascertain that all selection and interviewing processes were conducted fairly and in accordance with the negotiated terms of reference, before granting approval. Minutes of the selection and interviewing process should contain the following:

- Particulars of advertised post
- Composition of selection committee (names and capacity)
- Confirmation of legality of Governing Body
- Schedule of all applicants
- Minutes of short-listing meeting, which should include the post profile, the final shortlist, as well as the reasons why applicants were eliminated from the shortlist (e.g. do not meet the requirements in terms of qualification/experience, or do not compare with the short listed candidates in terms of qualifications/experience, etc.)
- Date and venue of interviews
- Discussion of interviewed candidates who are recommended to be potential candidates, in preferential order with due motivation
- Discussion of interviewed applicants who are eliminated with due motivation
- Final recommendations of Governing Body in order of preference
- Panel members must initial all pages of the minutes and sign the minutes
- Declaration by either the Educator union representatives or Public Service union representatives, as applicable, that the process of short listing and interviewing was fair.

9. SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS - ALL ADVERTISED POSTS

A governing body shall make a recommendation **within two months** from the date on which the governing body received the scheduled applications from the district office, failing which the District Director may make an appointment without such recommendations. In view of the continued delays experienced in regard to the filling of advertised posts, District Directors and Circuit Managers are required to apply this provision immediately and without fail in regard of posts advertised in this Vacancy List.

The following documents should be submitted to the relevant Circuit Manager:

- Minutes of short listing and interviewing proceedings (as set out in paragraph 9)
- Original applications of those applicants who were recommended for appointment on the Governing Body's preferential list as candidates No 1 to No 3, together with certified copies of their personal documents which should also include their identity documents, qualifications and SACE registration certificates.

If the Circuit Manager disagrees with a recommendation made by the selection committee, he/she must attach a full motivation regarding the objection together with all the documentation submitted by the Governing Body. Circuit Managers must - without exception - submit recommendations from Governing Bodies to the district HR component **within 10 working days** of receipt thereof.

10. NOTIFICATION OF APPLICANTS – ALL ADVERTISED POSTS

The relevant District HR Component will in all cases inform successful candidates, and copies of the offer letters will be forwarded to the school in question through the Circuit Manager.

The institution/SGB will inform all unsuccessful applicants in writing, within eight weeks of an appointment being made.