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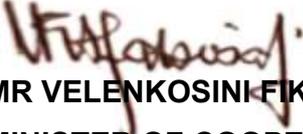
DEPARTMENT OF TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

NO. 7294

25 March 2026

**CUSTOMARY INITIATION ACT, 2021
(ACT NO. 2 OF 2021)****MINISTERIAL DETERMINATIONS ON FEES PAID FOR CUSTOMARY INITIATION**

I, Mr Velenkosini Fiki Hlabisa, Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, hereby in terms of sections 18(3) and 41(4) of the Customary Initiation Act, 2021 (Act No 2 of 2021), and after consultation with the Premiers of all provinces, the National House of Traditional Leaders, all provincial houses of traditional leaders and the Minister of Health determine the fees to be paid for Customary Initiation as contained in the Schedule hereto.



MR VELENKOSINI FIKI HLABISA
MINISTER OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS
DATE: 24/03/2026

SCHEDULE**DETERMINATION OF FEES IN TERMS OF THE CUSTOMARY INITIATION ACT,
2021 (ACT NO. 2 OF 2021): PROVINCIAL-SPECIFIC FEES**

Province	Section of Act	Description of fee	Amount
Eastern Cape	18(3)(a)(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R3500 per initiate in the case of male initiation R3500 per initiate in the case of female initiation
	18(3)(a)(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee
	41(4)(a)(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R1500 per initiate in the case of male initiation No fee in the case female initiation
Free State	18(3)(a)(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R4000 per initiate in the case of male initiation R4000 per initiate in the case of female initiation
	18(3)(a)(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee
	41(4)(a)(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R300 per initiate in the case of male initiation No fee in the case female initiation
Gauteng	18(3)(a)(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an	R3500 per initiate in the case of male initiation

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		initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R2500 per initiate in the case of female initiates	
	18(3)(a)(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R500 per initiate in the case of male initiation No fee in the case female initiation	
	41(4)(a)(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R300 per initiate in the case of male initiation No fee in the case female initiation	
KwaZulu Natal	Basotho (Batlokwa and Makgolokwe)			
	18(3)(a)(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R1800 per initiate in the case of male initiation. R1800 per initiate in the case of female initiation.	
	18(3)(a)(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee.	
	41(4)(a)(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee.	
	AmaHlubi and Sothos			
	18(3)(a)(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R2000 per initiate in the case of male initiation. R2000 per initiate in the case of female initiation.	
	18(3)(a)(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee.	
	41(4)(a)(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee.	
	Limpopo	18(3)(a)(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an	R3500 per initiate in the case of male initiation.

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		initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R2000 per initiate in the case of female initiation.
	18(3)(a)(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee.
	41(4)(a)(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee.
Mpumalanga	18(3)(a)(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R4000 per initiate in the case of male initiation. R4000 per initiate in the case of female initiation.
	18(3)(a)(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee.
	41(4)(a)(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee.
Northern Cape	18(3)(a)(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R3000 per initiate in the case of male initiation. R2500 per initiate in the case of female initiation.
	18(3)(a)(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee.
	41(4)(a)(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R200 per initiate in the case of male initiation where an initiation school has 200 or less initiates (<i>A maximum amount of R10 000 per traditional surgeon, in the case of male initiation where an initiation school has 200 or more initiates</i>). No fee in the case of female initiation.

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North West	18(3)(a)(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R3500 per initiate in the case of male initiation. R3500 per initiate in the case of female initiation.
	18(3)(a)(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee.
	41(4)(a)(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R300 per initiate in the case of male initiation. No fee in the case of female initiation.
Western Cape	18(3)(a)(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R5000 per initiate in the case of male initiation. R4500 per initiate in the case of female initiation.
	18(3)(a)(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee.
	41(4)(a)(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R800 per initiate in the case of male initiation. No fee in the case of female initiation.