



public works

Department:  
Public Works  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **Department of Public works Bursary Fact sheet**

The Department of Public works has been offering bursaries to deserving learners from disadvantaged schools since 2014.

To date, 258 bursaries have been awarded since the start of the programme.

90 bursary recipients have completed their studies and 27 of them currently work for the Department of Public Works doing their internships and being part of the Young professionals Programme.

A further 31 students are expected to join the department in 2018 for practical training.

### **Fields of study**

The bursary will fund students studying for careers in the built industry, including: Engineering (Civil, Structural, Transport, Electrical, Water Care, Mechanical, Chemical and Hydrology); Analytical Chemistry, Construction Management; Quantity Surveying; Architecture; Landscape Architecture; Urban and Regional Planning; Interior Design, Horticulture, Actuarial Science and Property Studies.

### **Bursary**

Each student will receive a bursary worth R130 000 per year. This will cover

- ✓ Tuition fees
- ✓ Residential fees
- ✓ meals
- ✓ Textbooks
- ✓ Project and compulsory study resources and
- ✓ Allowance

### Bursary recipients

The bursary recipients are part of the DPW Schools programme. These are the 15 schools adopted by the department every year, and during June holidays learners interested in studying for careers in the built industry attend a DPW winter school Camp. During the winter school camp, learners from grade 8 to 12 are taught Maths and Science, to help positively shape their future.

Most of the beneficiaries come from rural, township or farm schools across the country.

### The Young Professionals Programme

The Programme provides structured mentorship support to candidates, exposing them to national and international projects covering training areas in the built environment careers.

The programme aims to address shortage of critical and scarce skills in the built environment for both department and state capacitation. The Young Professionals (YP) Programme is an intervention of the skills pipeline strategy intended at accelerating the registration of built environment professionals through significant mentorship and structured training.