

**MEDIA RELEASE**      PSA congratulates Eastern Cape Class of 2025

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) congratulates the Eastern Cape Matric Class of 2025 for achieving a pass rate of 84.17%, a commendable result attained under extremely challenging conditions.

Although the Eastern Cape was ranked ninth nationally, it is encouraging that all provinces recorded pass rates above 80%, reflecting a narrow performance range countrywide. This places the Eastern Cape in the same performance band as most provinces, despite persistent challenges. With KwaZulu-Natal being the only province to exceed 90%, the results show a broadly comparable national performance and represent a solid and credible effort by the province.

Learners succeeded despite educator shortages, infrastructure backlogs, limited resources, and the psychological impact of the June-2025 floods. Whilst this achievement deserves recognition, it must also serve as a call for accountability.

The PSA calls on the Eastern Cape Department of Education to for the Class of 2026 urgently address staffing, infrastructure, learner safety at study camps, psychosocial support, district accountability, early intervention from Grades 10 to 11, teacher wellness, and protected education funding. Such measures will support sustained improved performance.

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