

MEDIA RELEASE PSA marks 106 years in service of public-sector employees

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On 7 July 2026, the Public Servants Association (PSA) celebrates 106 years in service of public-sector employees who have carried South Africa through change, challenge, and uncertainty.

The PSA applauds public servants who continue to stand at the frontline of service delivery and recognises the collective strength that has transformed workplaces and improved lives across generations.

The PSA marks 106 years of defending and advancing workers' rights with pride in a legacy built through courage, determination, and action. The gains enjoyed by workers today were achieved through resilience, endurance, and the collective voice of public servants who refused to accept injustice. For more than a century, the PSA has stood firm in advancing fair labour practices, protecting workers against unfair treatment, strengthening workplace rights, and ensuring that public servants are afforded dignity and respect. Through changing economic and social realities, the PSA remained a consistent force advocating for better conditions, fair remuneration, safer workplaces, and an effective public service. The PSA continues to address the realities for workers. Public servants continue to face increasing pressure in under-resourced environments, rising costs of living, ageing infrastructure, staff shortages, and growing demands on public services. Rapid technological advancement, changing employment patterns, and evolving workplace expectations are reshaping the future of work. Workers must be equipped, protected, and empowered to lead through it.

The future of public service must be built on ethical leadership, accountability, innovation, and investment in people. Progress cannot be measured by only by systems and policies and value must be placed on the people who deliver services to communities. As workplaces evolve, the PSA will continue to advocate for meaningful skills development, support for workers navigating technological change, greater opportunities for young professionals, modern approaches to worker engagement in pursuit of a public service that places human dignity at its centre.

The PSA will continue to challenge corruption, oppose policies that undermine workers, and hold employers accountable where commitments are not honoured.

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