

MEDIA RELEASE PSA wishes Class of 2026 well for NSC examinations

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As thousands of South African matriculants enter the final stretch of their school careers, the Public Servants Association (PSA) wishes the Class of 2026 success as they begin with the National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations on 13 October 2026.

The 2026 NSC examinations mark an important milestone for learners who have spent the past 12 years preparing for this moment. The PSA recognises the dedication, determination, and hard work that learners, educators, school administrators, and families have invested in reaching this point. For these young people, these examinations represent years of learning, preparation, and personal growth. The results will help shape future opportunities. Learners are therefore encouraged to approach the examinations with confidence, remain focused on their preparation, and remember that one examination does not define their worth or potential. The PSA calls on parents and guardians to create a supportive environment for learners during this demanding period by means of encouragement, patience, and understanding. Families are encouraged to help learners establish a suitable study routine, including time to rest. Learners should also prioritise their physical and emotional wellbeing whilst preparing for and writing examinations. Learners should avoid putting themselves under unnecessary pressure and should seek assistance from a trusted parent, educator, or other responsible adult if they feel overwhelmed.

The PSA further acknowledges the critical contribution of educators and school administrators in ensuring that examinations are conducted fairly, efficiently, and in a manner that allows learners to perform to the best of their abilities.

The PSA recognises that the period ahead may bring both opportunities and uncertainty, particularly for learners who intend to pursue studies at universities, colleges, technical and vocational institutions or enter the world of work. The Union encourages matriculants to remain hopeful about their future and to bear in mind that there are different pathways to achieving goals. The PSA wishes the Class of 2026 strength, courage, and success in the NSC examinations.

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