

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - NORTHERN CAPE

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## Update: Closure of Labour Centre - De Aar

Employees of the Department of Labour employed at the Labour Centre in De Aar, are currently inconvenienced as a result of the Department not extending the lease agreement of its offices that do not comply with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA)*. Employees are placed at various other workstations, including two employees having to be placed in Kimberley as a result of the non-extension of the lease agreement. As members are aware, the PSA does not tolerate offices that are not compliant with the *OHSA*. In the instance of the Labour Court Centre in De Aar, the PSA appreciates the fact that the Department of Labour did not extend the lease of offices that are not in compliant with the *Act* and not exposing employees to health hazards and other work-safety conditions.

The PSA is, however, concerned that members are inconvenienced as a result of them being temporarily placed at other workstations in town and even in Kimberley. Proper planning would have enabled the Department to secure alternative, suitable permanent office accommodation without employees being inconvenienced. Apart from inconveniencing employees, this situation also causes unnecessary additional costs and is negatively affecting service delivery.

Members are advised to contact the PSA Provincial Office where their offices are not *OHSA* compliant. For more information, contact the Provincial Office on (053) 839 1000.

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