

FOR PSA MEMBERS: KWAZULU-NATAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## Update: COVID-19 Contract Workers

Members will recall that the PSA issued an *Informus* on 29 August 2021, regarding the extension of contracts for Covid-19 workers, from 1 September 2021 to 31 March 2022. Following the PSA's inquiry and *Informus*, complaints were received from members that the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health has issued HRM Circular 51/2021 indicating that the contracts will only be extended until November 2021.

Communication has been sent to the Head of Department Dr. Sandile Tshabalala seeking clarity on this contradiction from the Department of Health, and the HOD has committed to engage the PSA further on this matter. The PSA insists that the initial commitment by the MEC for Health, that the contracts will be extended until 30 March 2022, must materialize. The PSA has also demanded that all contract workers be absorbed permanently by the Department.

Members will be updated on this matter.

GENERAL MANAGER