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LEARNER ADMISSIONS FOR 2019 OPENS TOMMOROW

The Limpopo Department of Education will tomorrow, the 18th of April 2018, officially open admission of learners in public schools for the academic year 2019. This process, which must not be taken for granted, will run from tomorrow until the 31st of May 2018. It is the responsibility of the Department, working with parents, guardians and care givers to ensure that every child of school going age is in school on the first day of the 2019 school calendar year. It is in this regard that we urge those responsible, to heed this call and apply for admission as per the stipulated dates and not wait for the last minute.

The Department is accordingly calling on all, whose children will be going to school for the first time, or moving to a new school next year to obtain applications forms from the nearest public school. These forms must be completed and returned without delay, particularly in urban areas where the demand for space is high. It is advisable to return the forms within a day or two because admission will be treated on a first come first serve basis, assuming that all the requirements are met.

This will enable the Department to plan properly as to what resources should be put in place for the smooth start of the 2019 academic year. By the end of **June 2018** parents would have been informed whether their children have been admitted or not.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

To register your child, parents must take the following documents with them:

- **Birth certificate** or acceptable proof of birth
- **Immunization** card
- **Transfer** card
- Last report **card**

If one is not a South African, the following documents are important

- **Study/work** permit
- **Temporary or permanent** residence permit from the South African Department of Home Affairs
- **Evidence** to show that there is application for permission to stay in RSA.

The following may **not** be used as a pre-condition for admission of learners

- **Payment** of a registration fee/admission fee
- Administering of a **test** before the child is admitted
- Payment of some school fees straight away
- **Signing** of an undertaking that you will pay the school fees

AGE OF A LEARNER (Grade R AND 1)

In terms of SASA, (Act 84 of 1996 as amended), children for grade **1** can only be registered if they are **5** years old turning **6** on or before **30 June 2019**. Those who are **4** turning **5** on or before **30 June 2019** must be admitted into grade **R**.

The constitutional obligation of the Department to ensure that all children get access to education and to accommodate all children of school going age still remains. It is very important for all parents, guardians and the community as a whole to actively take part in the registration of their children. The Department will always be on guard to monitor learner admissions very closely and to protect the rights of our learners at all times.

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