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GAUTENG PROVINCIAL INITIATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PICC) OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024 SUMMER INITIATION SEASON

In order to allow sufficient time for the processing of applications, the Provincial Initiation Coordinating Committee (PICC), hereby calls on prospective customary initiation school principals to apply for permits to operate in the upcoming 2024 Summer initiation season. Applications are open for both male and female initiation schools.

It is worth highlighting that the application processes as well as practice in the summer initiation season will be strictly regulated by the prescripts of the Customary Initiation Act (CIA), Act No. 2 of 2021. This is to ensure the safe practice of the custom and to protect the lives of initiates.

On the 10th of July 2024, the PICC resolved that the applications process will be conducted in three (3) phases across the 5 regions of Gauteng, namely:

1. City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality
2. City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality
3. Sedibeng District Municipality
4. City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality
5. West Rand District Municipality

The following are the phases of the applications process:

Phase1: Applications

Opening: 1st August 2024

Closing: 31st August 2024

Applications for registration of the initiation schools must be submitted on the prescribed Application Forms.

There will be two separate Applications Forms for school going age and Non-school going age. Principals should fill in and fully complete the relevant Application Form for the initiation school they prefer to register.

PICC will conduct workshops in all five regions regarding filling in and completion of Application Forms and other requirements for registration of initiation school.

Dates for workshops will be communicated in due course.

Application forms are available, free of charge, from CoGTA offices at **30 Simmonds Street, Johannesburg** or at any of the above-mentioned Municipal Offices.

No applications submitted after the closing date will be considered.

Phase2: Approval of applications

Issuing of certificates and letters:11 September 2024

Publication of registered initiation schools:12 September 2024

Phase 3: Conducting initiation schools.

Dates: 12 December 2024 to 14 January 2025

*According to section 27(1) of the CIA, initiation schools must be held during the relevant provincial school holidays and may not interfere or overlap with official school terms. As such, the opening and closing of the summer Initiation season in Gauteng will follow the school calendar. The 2024 Summer customary initiation season will therefore be held from the **12th of December 2024 to the 14th of January 2025***

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