



MEDIA RELEASE

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PRASA EXTENDS DATE FOR STUDENT BURSARIES APPLICATIONS

The Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA) has extended its deadline for students who wish to apply for Bursaries offered by PRASA to Friday, 30 September 2011 to ensure that all students are afforded the opportunity to submit their applications.

The bursaries will allow 250 students to apply to study Engineering and the opportunity for students to be part of the new effort to boost the number of essential skills within the rail industry. Students will also be offered the opportunity to gain practical experience through the minimum four weeks' vacation work per year at PRASA.

BURSARY DETAILS:

The PRASA Corporate Bursary Scheme offers students the opportunity to enroll at any South African University for full time studies. Applicants may choose from any engineering disciplines, provided that subject choices are acceptable and advantage PRASA i.e. Electrical Engineering (Electronics), Rolling Stock (Technicians), Perway (Rail Maintenance), Signaling (Technicians), Facilities and Electrical.

Bursary Courses:

- Bachelor of Engineering,
- Bachelor of Science, or
- Honours Degree.

What does the bursary cover?

The PRASA bursary covers:

- Registration fees
- Tuition fees and books
- Residence and Meal fees

Conditions for acceptance:

- Candidates must have at least a D – symbol in Mathematics.
- Continuation of a Bursary will depend on candidate performance.
- Should studies be discontinued or study field changed without PRASA's approval, the bursary holder will be obliged to reimburse PRASA for all the relevant fees.
- Bursary holders repeating courses will do so at their own expense.
- It is expected of bursary holders to do a minimum four weeks' vacation work per year at PRASA.
- Applicants MUST be South African citizens and will be subject to PRASA's normal selection process.

Qualification requirements:

- Currently or willing to study towards BSc. Eng/B. Eng/ B. Tech or S4 Diploma in Electrical/Rolling Stock Engineering.
- Grade 10 with Mathematics.
- Candidates must be willing to be registered with ECSA as Pr. Eng or Professional Technologist.

PRASA encourages candidates with the ability to work under pressure, who are client orientated, team players who have a sense of urgency, they must be positive, motivated and responsible to apply by login onto www.prasa.com and check under "opportunities" for bursaries and download the application form and also get the background on the bursary. PRASA will also place an advertisement in the Sunday Time's careers section.

Contact details:

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