

Department to create 10 000 jobs for rural youth

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The Department of Rural Development and Land Reform has launched a programme to create around 10 000 jobs for unemployed youth, including those living with disabilities, living in rural areas.

The programme, the National Rural Youth Service Corps (NARYSC), targets youth from rural areas between the ages of 18 and 35 and in possession of grade 10 (STD 8) report.

The NARYSC is a two-year programme aimed at empowering rural youth from each of the 3 000 rural wards in the country and it is expected to create job opportunities for at least three youths per each of these wards.

Successful candidates will undergo an intensive training programme, based on needs identified during an induction and approved by the department, and will receive a monthly stipend for the two year duration of the programme. After the completion of the two-year training programme, candidates will work in their communities providing services in local socio-economic development.

The recently developed NARYSC will complement the department's job creation model, which targets and ensures that at least one person per each household in the rural areas where the Comprehensive Rural Development Programme (CRDP) is being piloted, gets employed for a period of two years and that such employment is linked to skills training.

The department has initiated these job creation and skills development programmes, in line with its rural development mandate, to create vibrant, equitable and sustainable rural communities throughout South Africa and to contribute towards the five priorities of government.

Potential candidates seeking further information can contact the department's toll free line 0800 007 095 or visit the department's website <http://www.ruraldevelopment.gov.za>

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