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Presidential Youth Employment Initiative (PYEI) implemented as the Basic Education Employment Initiative (BEEI) has to date created more than 850 000 job opportunities for youth in the age cohort between 18 - 35. The youth were placed in more than 20 000 schools across the nine provinces.

This is a significant achievement of government, where +/- R19 billion was set aside to fight youth unemployment as well as providing capacity, skills, knowledge, and meaningful work experience to the youth. Whilst there are some cases of stipends not paid on time, or not yet paid, the Department can report that in the main the youth placed in PYEI-BEEI were paid their stipends from Phase I – III. In the main the South African government has used the PYEI as a vehicle to address the triple challenge of inequality among the genders, unemployment, and poverty. It also afforded young South Africans an opportunity to make a meaningful economic contribution.

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The recruitment drive will run as follows:

PROCESS	TIMELINE
Registration on Sayouth.mobi	Currently open
Advertisement period	5 September 2022 – 16 October 2022
Applications period	26 September 2022 – 16 October 2022
Starting Date (Placement)	2023 (exact month to be confirmed by Provincial Education Department)

The Presidency together with the Department of Basic Education is calling on all the South Africans meeting the requirements to seize the opportunity and ensure that they apply for the job opportunities. The Department further urges the communities, the departmental officials at National, Provinces, Districts, Circuits and Schools to assist the youth with the application process so as to ensure that all young South Africans have access to the services for applications.

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