

TO:**DISTRICT DIRECTORS****CES: CURRICULUM****CES: CIRCUIT MANAGEMENT****PRINCIPALS OF SCHOOLS OFFERING SERVICES SUBJECTS****TOURISM, CONSUMER AND HOSPITALITY STUDIES ADVISORS****NOTICE**

**SUBJECT: SERVICES SUBJECTS SCHOOLS COMPETITION AND iNGAKITHI
TOURISM SCHOOLS COMPETITION 2025**

1. The Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA), in collaboration with the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education, invites participation from schools offering Services subjects in the iNgakithi Tourism Schools Competition and the Services Subject Schools Competitions for 2025.
2. These initiatives aim to promote youth engagement and stimulate interest in the Tourism, Hospitality, and Consumer Studies fields, in support of economic development and skills development strategies in KwaZulu-Natal.
3. **Services Subjects Schools Competition**
 - 3.1 **Purpose**

The aim for the competition is to identify and prepare top learners to represent KwaZulu-Natal at the National Tourism Careers Expo (NTCE).
 - 3.2 **Categories**

There are three categories which include:

 - Tourism Debate
 - Hospitality Showcase
 - Consumer Studies Innovation Challenge
 - 3.3 **Target Group**

The competition targets grade 11 learners offering services subjects in 2025.

3.4 **Participating Districts**

In 2025, the competition will be piloted in four districts, namely: uGu, uThukela, uMgungundlovu, and uMzinyathi.

3.5 **Competition Levels**

The competition will take place at three levels. It will start from the local (municipal) level to district and ends at provincial level.

3.6 **Implementation Period**

The competition will take place from August to September 2025. All interested schools should register by the 15th of August 2025.

4. **iNgakithi Tourism Schools Competition**

This competition has been expanded to include a culinary category, enabling participation from both Tourism and Hospitality/Consumer Studies learners.

4.1 **Target Group**

The competition is open to all learners offering Services subjects in Grades 10 and 11 in all districts in KZN.

4.2 **Competition Categories include:**

- Tourism Innovation (Project or Presentation)
- Culinary Skills (Hospitality and Consumer Studies learners)

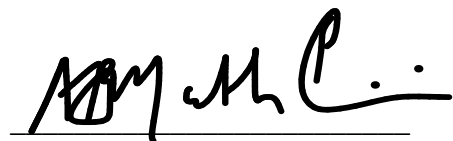
4.3 **Learners are encouraged to use the following documents for ease of reference:**

- Entry Forms
- Competition Guidelines
- Promotional Poster

5. All schools offering Services subjects are encouraged to submit entries as per the timelines outlined in the guidelines which have already been shared with Services subjects advisors.

6. For further clarity kindly contact district advisors for Tourism, Consumer and Hospitality Studies.

7. Kindly share this information with all schools that offer Services subjects in their curriculum.



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