



## KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

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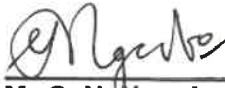
## INTERNAL MEMO

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### **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS CONNECTIVITY PROGRAMME IN KWAZULU-NATAL THROUGH VARIOUS NETWORK PROVIDERS AS PART OF OBLIGATION IMPOSED BY ICASA**

1. The KZN Department of Education (KZNDoe) has submitted a list of 4843 schools that are in urgent need of connectivity to the Department of Basic Education (DBE).
2. This submission was done on the basis that connectivity for public institutions like schools, hospitals, police stations etc.; is a mandate of the Department of Communication and Digital Technologies (DCDT).
3. The province is now in receipt of the letter from the Director-General of the Department of Basic Education.
4. The letter states that various network operators have been allocated a quantum of schools across the province where they are expected to rollout connectivity and might be rolling out this project through their own agents or subsidiaries.
5. The Department of Basic Education working together with the Department of Communication and Digital technologies is embarking on a project to provide connectivity to schools.
6. The package comes with the free installation of a router, 500GB of data per month which is available for twelve (12) years at no cost to the school or the department.
7. This memorandum therefore serves as notification for all schools to allow technicians from Mobile Network Operators (MNO) to gain access and perform the installation.
8. The various Operators will contact the school to agree on installation date/s with a view to minimize disruption of teaching and learning especially during the examinations period.
9. If in doubt, the principal must contact the ICT Coordinator at the relevant district office for confirmation.
10. Kindly be advised that access to the schools is **ONLY** limited to the scope of the project as spelled out by the DBE.
11. The department reserves the right to withdraw this notice should a breach by any of the Mobile Network Operators be reported.

12. The contact person for the project within the KZNDoe is Mr Lucky Mthetho who may be contacted via email [lucky.mthetho@kzndoe.gov.za](mailto:lucky.mthetho@kzndoe.gov.za) or 033-846 5525
13. The circular must be made available to all schools and districts



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