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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Update on placement of medical interns for 2021 mid-year cycle**

**Pretoria:** The National Department of Health would like to update the country on the process and status of placing eligible medical graduates on the Internship and Community Service Training Programme (ICSP) for 2021-22 annual cycle.

The Department has recently been inundated with media and public enquiries about the process of placing 288 eligible medical graduates who are waiting to be placed to undergo training as part of their academic programme.

Thus, the Department would like to acknowledge the delays in announcing the allocations for 2021 mid-year cycle due to consultations with the National Treasury and Provincial Health Departments regarding additional posts and funding shortfall to cover some of the accredited and unfunded internship posts.

Updates will be provided by the latest next week Wednesday, 30 June on the outcomes of the consultations ahead of the commencement of mid-year cycle.

The Department values the contribution the medical interns will make to the health system, especially during this difficult times of Covid-19 3<sup>rd</sup> wave.

All medical students and members of the public with enquiries related to the allocation of medical interns and community service, can call helpdesk on 087 012 5082 or send an email to [icsp@dhmis.org](mailto:icsp@dhmis.org)

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