

Learner Licence Driver Programme

The Road Traffic Management Corporation together with the Free State Provincial Government and the Department of Police, Roads and Transport in 2014 launched a joint initiative known as the learner driver programme. The project is aimed at assisting unemployed youth who have completed matric to obtain their drivers' licenses. The selected candidates will undergo both theory and practical training before they can go for their testing. This Programme will be provided at no cost to the selected trainees. The department has also partnered with IDES training academy and driving schools within the province to ensure that there are proper facilities and training.

The Corporation participated in the roll out of the Free State learner driver programme at the following locations: Parys; Phuthaditjhaba, Harrismith / Tshiame, Bethlehem 1, Bethlehem 2, Denneysville, Zamdela, Thaba Nchu and Botshabelo from 19– 25 February 2015. The project Manager Mr. Caswel Mthombeni briefed the trainees on how the project was going to unfold before handing them over to the selected driving schools to commence with the training. As the RTMC we were given an opportunity to talk to the trainees on road safety related matters and we also provided them with a road safety hints and tips booklet.

Senior Management from the Corporation also attended the roll out programme and they gave messages of support to the trainees. One of the trainees Ms. Jane Mokgobo had this to say about the programme, "This initiative is great, as young unemployed youth we will benefit a lot from this programme."

