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Junior doctors get paid at last

The Gauteng Department of Health has confirmed that all medical interns and community service candidates registered with the Health Professions Council have been paid.



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Junior doctors are supposed to be paid on the last day of the month, but more than 400 interns and community service doctors were not paid their January salaries on time.

"Our commitment to ensure that they are paid before end of February has been fulfilled," the Gauteng Department said.

Sipho Senabe, Gauteng health department's chief human resources director says technical errors by payroll administrators were behind the repeated delays.

On 1 February, Health MEC Dr Gwen Ramokgopa, accompanied by officials from her department, the Department of e-Governance and Finance, met with the affected employees and "worked around the clock" to rectify the delays in the payment of salaries.

"We invite all internship and community service candidates to confirm their payment with their Human Resources managers and Hospital CEOs. The CEOs have been instructed to appraise the affected candidates regularly until full resolution," the department said. The department has apologised for the inconvenience caused by the payment delay.

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