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### Media Statement

#### North West Unemployment Graduate Database goes live

Following the pronouncement on graduate database made by the MEC for Finance, Economy and Enterprise Development Wendy Nelson in her budget and policy speech tabled in August 2014, the department has started the process to have all unemployed graduates in the province to register on the database.

The database will allow unemployed graduates to upload their abridged curriculum vitae for processing by the department. This programme will also contribute to the reduction of high unemployment as it will be shared with all organs of state. It is envisaged that the state organs will utilise the database to address skills shortage in the country.

MEC Nelson indicates that although it will be a resource for the provincial administration the database will be administered by the department of finance. The database also aims to support the National Development Plan's ambition of job creation and poverty alleviation particularly amongst the youth.

The database will be used for keeping the record of the number of unemployed graduates and to come up with job creation strategies to absorb them into the formal economy as well as come up with an assistance programme for those who want to start their own business.

"The purpose of this venture, is to link unemployed graduates with job opportunities in both the public and private sector. Furthermore, the database will be utilized to link an a number of unemployed graduates with annual government internship and learnership programme relevant to their qualifications or fields of study. The internship and learnership programme aims to expose them to the real workplace environment by acquiring the much needed experience and transfer of skills", said Nelson.

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By linking unemployed graduates with employment opportunities, the existence of the database will at the same time tackle poverty levels amongst the youth.

**Unemployed graduates are urged to visit the following to register their details:  
[www.nwpg.gov.za/graduates](http://www.nwpg.gov.za/graduates)**

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