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The Department of Higher Education and Training Calls on Successful Matriculants without a University or College space to Register with CACH

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) is calling on Grade 12 learners who passed matric in 2017 but have not yet secured a place at a university or college to apply immediately using the Department's Central Applications Clearing House (CACH) system.

CACH, which started operating in 2013, is a government online application portal designed for Grade 12 students who are seeking admission to post-school training and education (PSET).

It assists prospecting students by sharing their matric results with public and private further and higher education institutions across the country, including Technical and Vocational Training (TVET) colleges, universities, Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs), and registered private higher institutions.

Institutions with open study places, technical training opportunities, or apprenticeship slots then make them available to the most suitable applicants on the CACH database.

Students who have been declined offers at universities should come to CACH, which is an ideal route to find a study space that is still available at another institution. CACH also provides a portal for school leavers and other prospective students who may not have completed their schooling to career information, advice and development services.

CACH system has in recent years assisted thousands of young people across the country to find the right PSET opportunities to access places available to get into training, college, or university as an essential step towards empowering themselves.

DHET calls on all young people with the required matric qualifications and are still seeking opportunities for 2018 to access CACH's easy to use website at: <http://cach.dhet.gov.za/> or call our toll-free number on 0800 356 635.

It is also possible to send an SMS with name and ID to 49200 or to find CACH on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CACH_S.A.

For students who remain unclear about which career to follow, CACH provides advice and information through DHET's Khetha Career Development Service website at: www.careerhelp.org.za

CACH opens on 5 January 2018 following the release of the 2017 matric results. The service will close on 28 February 2018.