

SABC journalism interns graduate

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A group of 55 journalism interns, who underwent a 12-month skills development programme at the SABC, graduated earlier this week.

The Department of Labour, which launched the skills development programme to help alleviate skills shortages in the [nehttps://www.bizcommunity.com/Admin/Category/tick.aspx?l=196&c=11&ci=33718&ct=1wsroom](https://www.bizcommunity.com/Admin/Category/tick.aspx?l=196&c=11&ci=33718&ct=1wsroom), had allocated up to R4 million to the project. The aim is to recognise, train, develop and integrate young journalists into the industry.

The interns were recruited from institutes throughout South Africa that offer courses in journalism and while in the programme they were given theoretical courses in journalism and common law basics, radio scripting and packaging, television writing and ethics.

Out of the 55 the national broadcaster offered full-time employment to 23, while others were offered part-time contracts to work during the election period.

“The programme demonstrates the SABC's commitment to developing a skills base necessary for growing the South African journalism and broadcast sector,” said Snuki Zikalala, group executive, news and current affairs.

Preparations are at an advanced stage for the induction of a further group of 60 interns, some of whom are earmarked for journalism training, while the rest will be taking courses on video editing and vision mixing.

Media24 also recently launched a Journalism Academy which aims to recognise, train, develop and integrate young journalists into the industry. Former *City Press* editor-in-chief Mathata Tsedu heads up this initiative.

The graduation took place on Tuesday, 9 March 2009.

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