

ANC urges higher education to ease access for successful learners

The ANC's Zizi Kodwa listed a number of landmarks - "a record 799,306" writing the exams, "the highest number ever of passes, the highest number ever of distinctions and science passes - before noting "the decline in overall pass percentage this year".



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This, Kodwa said, was offset by "the fact that more students have gained university access than in previous years - with Gauteng leading the pack in terms of the number of bachelor's passes - points to a year-on-year improvement in the outcomes of the NSC".

"We welcome this development and trust that the ongoing work the Presidency and the relevant ministries to ensure greater access to higher education by finding solutions to the immediate funding challenges will receive the necessary support from all stakeholders," said Kodwa.

"On the back of this success by the class of 2015, we call on the Department of Higher Education to help facilitate access to institutions of higher learning with ease."

"To all those students who may not have been as successful this year, the ANC encourages them to not lose heart but to avail themselves for the opportunities to a second chance and remedial support government has committed itself to."

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