



**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES  
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Minister Lamola to announce 2021 inmates Matric results

Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Ronald Lamola, will release Matric results for inmates on Monday, 24 January 2022, at the Barberton Correctional Centre, in Mpumalanga.

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) transfers skills to inmates through formal and vocational training to equip them for life upon their release. Education remains an effective rehabilitation tool for inmates which is used to transform their lives and it is one of the fundamental pillars of correctional services. Education also has profound impact on inmates and contributes to their successful reintegration into society and it breaks barriers such as unemployment which often confronts ex-offenders.

DCS continues to achieve great Matric results with the following pass rates recorded in the last five years, 2016 - 72.1%, 2017 - 76.7%, 2018 - 77.3%, 2019 - 82.6% and 2020 - 86.3%.

Some inmates upon completing Matric, went on to attain degrees in various fields. What is worth noting is that DCS does not pay tuition fees for inmates but rather their families are responsible for the fees or inmates successfully apply for bursaries.

Lamola will also handover awards to best performing learners, educators and schools.

He will also inspect some of the Self-Sufficiency projects at the centre including a bakery which produces bread for inmates in Mpumalanga, and the newly developed Orchard. He will also handover a new Tractor Loader Backhoe to the Barberton Management Area in an effort to improve farming at the centre.

**The inmates Matric results will be released as follows:**

**Date: Monday, 24 January 2022**

**Venue: Barberton Correctional Centre, City of Mbombela, Mpumalanga**

**Time: 10h00**

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