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Countdown to Opportunity: Last Chance to Secure Your Spot for the 2025 Intake at Taung and Potchefstroom Colleges of Agriculture!

Mahikeng – The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development invites prospective students to seize the opportunity and apply for the 2025 academic intake at Taung Agricultural College (TAC) and Potchefstroom College of Agriculture (PCA). With only a few weeks left before the application window closes, aspiring agricultural professionals are encouraged to submit their applications and embark on a rewarding career in the farming sector.

Aspiring candidates are encouraged to apply for the *Diploma in Agriculture in Irrigation* at TAC or the *Diploma in Agriculture (Mixed Agriculture)* at PCA.

To qualify for admission at Taung Agricultural College, applicants must have a National Senior Certificate (Grade 12/Matric) or an equivalent qualification. The minimum subject requirements include English at level 4, Life Science or Agricultural Science at level 3, and Mathematics at level 3, with Mathematics Literacy at level 4. A background in Physics at level 3 will be an added advantage.

For entry into the Diploma in Agriculture (Mixed Agriculture) at Potchefstroom College of Agriculture, compulsory subjects include Afrikaans or English, with a minimum achievement of 50-59% (level 4), along with Agricultural Sciences, Agricultural Management Practices, or Agricultural Technology.

Recommended subjects include Mathematics, Physical Science, Business Economics, Economics, Life Science, Accounting, Mathematical Literacy, Engineering, and Natural Science. Applicants must score a minimum of 24 points on the Swedish Rating Scale, with ratings of level 3 or higher in at least six relevant subjects (excluding Life Orientation).

Both TAC and PCA are committed to cultivating the next generation of agricultural professionals, offering practical training and career pathways in the dynamic agricultural sector.

TAC, as the only institution in South Africa offering a *Diploma in Irrigation*, presents a unique opportunity for students passionate about specialized agricultural fields. Applications must be submitted by 31 October 2024 to secure a spot in these in-demand programs. Application forms can be accessed through the colleges or downloaded from the Department's website (www.dard.nwpg).

For more details, interested individuals can contact Vuyiswa Mziwakhe at +27 60 504 8149 or Neo Makhobela at +27 68 379 3026 for inquiries related to TAC, or reach out to Mr Ismail Haffejee at +27 18 285 0701, Ms Lebo Mpiti at +27 18 285 0700, or Ms Patricia Mngomezulu at +27 18 285 0735 for PCA-related queries.

Do not miss this chance! Apply now by visiting the Department's website or contacting the colleges directly for assistance with the application process.

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