

KZN is first province to have its own Planning & Development Act

Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) is helping KwaZulu-Natal implement its new Planning & Development Act (PDA); the first in the country.

From April this year, there will be a shift in functions and responsibilities with all statutory planning procedures now vested in municipalities across KZN. COGTA is still committed to resolving historic applications and will continue to perform Development Facilitation Act (DFA) registrar functions until the 1st October 2010.

From October 2010 the use of the DFA will be restricted. In terms of transitional measures, all applications lodged before the 1st January 2003 in terms of the Ordinance, which have not been finalised due to the applicant failing to submit outstanding information or comply with condition of establishment, will be treated as having been refused. Applications submitted after this date will be proceeded with.

Other provincial responsibility lies with regulation of executive powers in terms of the PDA and establishing provincial planning and development norms and standards.

COGTA will further provide support to municipalities, conduct training and provision of necessary manuals. To assist with this process, COGTA intends setting up a PDA Municipal Forum who will meet regular during and post the transitional phase of the roll out of the PDA.

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