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PHANDA MZANSI NPC EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR EASTERN CAPE ENTREPRENEURIAL CHALLENGE (ECEC) 2026 TO 15 OCTOBER 2026

East London, South Africa – 26 August 2026 – Phanda Mzansi NPC is pleased to announce the extension of the closing date for the highly anticipated Eastern Cape Entrepreneurial Challenge (ECEC) 2026/27.

Due to overwhelming interest and numerous requests from entrepreneurs across the province, the new closing date for applications is now 15 October 2026.

The ECEC 2026/27 offers Eastern Cape entrepreneurs, from start-ups to growing businesses, a chance to WIN A SHARE OF R200,000 in business support and funding to take their businesses to the next level.

"We have been inundated with enquiries from young entrepreneurs who are finalizing their compliance documents and business plans," said Mr. Lonwabo Rani, Founder of Phanda Mzansi NPC. "We have decided to extend the deadline to ensure no entrepreneur is left behind. This challenge is about giving real opportunities to real businesses in the Eastern Cape."

The challenge remains open to all Eastern Cape-based businesses that are registered and unregistered, long as they are operational. Applicants are encouraged to submit their business plans, compliance documents, and funding proposals.

The Eastern Cape Entrepreneurial Challenge (ECEC) 2026/27 offers all Eastern Cape entrepreneurs, from start-ups to small and growing businesses, an opportunity to win a share of R200,000 to take their businesses to the next level, with the closing date for applications now extended to 15 October 2026



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Entrepreneurs are urged to use this extended period to complete and submit their applications.

For media enquiries, interviews, or more information, please contact Phanda Mzansi NPC.

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About Phanda Mzansi NPC:

Phanda Mzansi NPC is a Non-Profit Company dedicated to the development and support of entrepreneurs in the Eastern Cape through training, market access, funding information, and business incubation.

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