

## **EFF STATEMENT ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2023 MATRIC RESULTS**

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) welcomes the announcement of the 2023 Matriculation results, a pivotal moment for countless learners across the nation. Our 2023 Matric learners achieved a 82,9% pass rate, a significant increase from 80,1% in 2022.

As per the Department of Basic Education, the 2023 cohort has attained the highest number of Bachelor passes and Distinctions since the advent of democracy in 1994, accompanied by over 440,000 Diploma passes. Furthermore, all provinces have achieved pass rates exceeding 75%, with the Free State once again taking the lead with the highest pass rate of 89%, while the Northern Cape recorded the lowest at 75.8%.

The EFF extends our heartfelt congratulations to all those who have successfully passed this crucial milestone, showcasing dedication and resilience in their academic pursuits. Despite facing the challenges of 332 out of 365 days of load shedding, along with dilapidated and overcrowded classrooms, and inadequate access to decent drinking water and sanitation in schools, you managed to accomplish this.

To those who may not have achieved the desired outcomes, we offer words of consolation and encouragement. Your journey is unique, and this setback does not define your future. As you navigate this juncture,

consider the multitude of options available for post-matric studies. Whether pursuing tertiary education, vocational training, or other forms of skill development, each path contributes significantly to personal growth and nation-building.

Furthermore, the EFF Students Command (EFFSC) is initiating the Sizofunda Ngenkani Campaign tomorrow, aiming to be present at all tertiary institutions to aid students in the registration process. If you're a high-performing matric student, don't stay at home due to financial constraints. Head to your nearest institution, and the EFFSC will be there to provide assistance.

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