Battling unemployment

Government reviews strategies to create more jobs
Key government departments tasked to do their work

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Government has stepped up its vigour to create more jobs and reduce skyrocketing unemployment in the country, whose rate currently now stands at slightly over 50 per cent of the country’s work force.

A Cabinet release has revealed that the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare has been directed to create a special fund to support internship and mentorship programmes, while the Ministry of Education and that of Labour and Social Welfare have been mandated to formulate a paper on enforcement measures regarding understudies.

Cabinet has also directed that the requirement of experience would not be allowed for recruitment in the public service should be done away with and Cabinet directed the Public Service Commission to review regulations on entry level positions.

Cabinet has further directed that laws governing professional bodies such as the Engineering Council should be revised to make them responsive to the country’s situation and needs, advising that ministries under which such bodies fall should ensure that such bodies are responsive to the country’s needs.

Government is now busy formulating mechanisms aimed at encouraging Namibians to take up their shares of positions in regional and international organizations, something which has not been encouraged in the past few years.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has also been directed to oversee this process. Government has also instructed that Namibians quotas at foreign missions are filled. Namibians

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