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DEPARTMENT OF TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

NOTICE 3081 OF 2025

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT MINISTERIAL DETERMINATIONS ON FEES PAID FOR CUSTOMARY INITIATION

In terms of sections 18(3)*(b)* and 41(4)*(b)* of the Customary Initiation Act, 2021 (Act No 2 of 2021), I, Mr V F Hlabisa, Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, hereby publish the Draft Determinations on fees paid for Customary Initiation as contained in the Schedule hereto, for public comment.

The proposed determinations aim to establish norms and standards for regulating fees for customary initiation practices. The draft determination contains two options: operating costs, stakeholder input, affordability, and cultural differences amongst ethnic groups. Option 1 sets out a standardised fee to be applied across all provinces, while Option 2 outlines province-specific fees applicable only within the respective provinces and caters for provincial peculiarities.

Submissions to the Department should clearly state the preferred option, if any, and detailed reasons for the choice. The deadline for submitting comments is **90** calendar days from the date of publication of this notice in the Gazette. All comments must be submitted in the specified format outlined below:

NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS	**OPTION PREFERRED AND REASONS**	**PROPOSED FEE COMMENTED ON** [Please indicate which particular proposed fee comments relate to]	**PROPOSAL** [Please provide a clear proposal on how the particular proposed fee should be amended]	**MOTIVATION** [Please provide detailed motivation for the proposed amendment]

Please send your comments to:

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DETERMINATION OF FEES IN TERMS OF THE CUSTOMARY INITIATION ACT, 2021 (ACT NO. 2 OF 2021)

Option 1: Uniform fee structure

Section of Act	Description of fee	Amount
18(3)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R3500 in the case of initiates, where food and water are provided to the initiate by the parent or legal guardian
18(3)*(a)*(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R1500 per initiate in the case of male initiation
41(4)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a traditional surgeon to a PICC in respect of the registration of such a surgeon.	R1000
41(4)(a)(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R300 per initiate in the case of male initiation

Option 2: Provincial-specific fees

Province	Section of Act	Description of fee	Amount
Eastern Cape	18(3)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R3500
	18(3)*(a)*(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee
	41(4)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a traditional surgeon to a PICC in respect of the registration of such a surgeon.	R1000
	41(4)*(a)*(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R1500 per initiate in the case of male initiation
Free State	18(3)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R4000
	18(3)*(a)*(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee
	41(4)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a traditional surgeon to a PICC in respect of the registration of such a surgeon.	R1000
	41(4)*(a)*(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R300 per initiate in the case of male initiation
Gauteng	18(3)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R3500 in the case of male initiates R2500 in the case of female initiates
	18(3)*(a)*(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R500 per initiate in the case of male initiation
	41(4)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a traditional surgeon to a PICC in respect of the registration of such a surgeon.	R1000

	41(4)*(a)*(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R300 per initiate in the case of male initiation
KwaZulu Natal	**Basotho (Batlokwa and Makgolokwe)**		
	18(3)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R5000
	18(3)*(a)*(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee
	41(4)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a traditional surgeon to a PICC in respect of the registration of such a surgeon.	R1000
	41(4)*(a)*(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R100 per initiate in the case of male initiation
	AmaHlubi and Sothos		
	18(3)(a)(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R1600
	18(3)(a)(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee
	41(4)(a)(i)	Fee to be paid by a traditional surgeon to a PICC in respect of the registration of such a surgeon.	R1000
	41(4)(a)(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R400 per initiate in the case of male initiation
Limpopo	18(3)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R3500

	18(3)*(a)*(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee
	41(4)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a traditional surgeon to a PICC in respect of the registration of such a surgeon.	R1000
	41(4)*(a)*(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee
Mpumalanga	18(3)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R4000
	18(3)*(a)*(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee
	41(4)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a traditional surgeon to a PICC in respect of the registration of such a surgeon.	R1000
	41(4)*(a)*(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee
Northern Cape	18(3)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R3000
	18(3)*(a)*(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee
	41(4)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a traditional surgeon to a PICC in respect of the registration of such a surgeon.	R1000
	41(4)*(a)*(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R200 per initiate in the case of male initiation where an initiation school has 200 or less initiates. A maximum amount of R10 000, in the case of male initiation where an initiation school has 200 or more initiates.

North West	18(3)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R3500
	18(3)*(a)*(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee
	41(4)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a traditional surgeon to a PICC in respect of the registration of such a surgeon.	R1000
	41(4)*(a)*(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R300 per initiate in the case of male initiation
Western Cape	18(3)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a prospective initiate to the principal of an initiation school for the purposes of attending such a school.	R5000
	18(3)*(a)*(iii)	Fee to be paid by the parents or legal or customary guardian of an initiate to a medical practitioner for his or her services rendered during initiation.	No fee
	41(4)*(a)*(i)	Fee to be paid by a traditional surgeon to a PICC in respect of the registration of such a surgeon.	R1000
	41(4)*(a)*(ii)	Fee to be paid to a traditional surgeon for his or her services rendered during initiation.	R800 per initiate in the case of male initiation

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