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Greetings!

The imminent **fuel price hikes** largely attributed to the conflict in the Middle East are about to make their impact on the Building Industry with fuel prices, both petrol and diesel, set rise dramatically on Wednesday, April 1st, 2026.

Master Builders SA has issued a press release on the matter and an urgent **webinar** is being arranged for **Wednesday 1 April 2026** to assist the Industry in dealing with the fallout.

[Press release - Fuel Price Increase...](#)

Consumer inflation (CPI) for February, 2026 has dropped back further from 3.5% in January 2026 to 3.0% in March. Looming fuel prices set to take effect on 1 April, 2026 are certain to have a dramatic effect on CPI going forward. More on this in the link below.

Entries for our **Regional Safety Competition** 2026 closed on 15 March and I'm pleased to advise that we received a record number of entries for this year's competition. We have scheduled the judging to commence directly after Easter and our MBA team will once again be travelling far and wide to adjudicate the competition entries. Good luck to you all and thank you for supporting Health and Safety in our Industry.

The **South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP)** is responsible for registering health and safety officers, managers, agents, and also construction managers. The second in our series of **tech talks** featuring the SACPCMP was due to take place on 2 April however, due to busy diaries, we have had to reschedule and will advise of the new date in due course. Watch this space.

The recording of the first Tech Talk on 27 Feb, presented by SACPCMP registrations Manager Kobus van Wyngaardt, will be posted to **MBA Video Library** for the benefit of those who are not able to participate.

There is still time to secure your **Skills Development Levy (SDL) Refund** by contacting Alec at the MBA for assistance. He will prepare and submit the necessary documentation on your behalf.

Members in **Plettenberg Bay** and surrounds are advised that we have arranged a **Scaffold Erectors** course to take place on Tuesday, 7 April 2026. There are still some spaces available,

so get your booking forms into Maryke as soon as possible next week. We've also been requested by our George members to facilitate a similar training course in George, and we'll do so as soon as possible. Please keep an eye on our training page for updates.

[MBA Training Calendar...](#)

The **March 2026 SA Builder** magazine is out - Please follow the link below for this month's content.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely

Greg

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Useful Information...

- National Minimum Wage: [R 30.23 / Hour](#) (Effective -1 March 2026)
- Headline CPI Inflation : [February 2026 \[3.0%\]](#)
- Latest CPAP Indices : [February 2026](#) (Including Info Graphic)
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