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a Master Builder ?*

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Greetings!

PE AGM

Our PE AGM / Cocktail function takes place on Tuesday, 12 May, and is an important event in the MBA's social calendar. The event provides a great opportunity for networking with fellow contractors, consultants, and non-members, and last year saw over 130 members in attendance. Details can be found on our website by following the link below.

[MBA Events...](#)

MBA PE Golf Day

We recently posted a selection of pics from our highly successful Port Elizabeth Golf Day. Those interested can find them on our [Facebook page](#).

Safety Competition

Our MBA safety competition is well underway with no less than 38 entries, including contractors and subcontractors with sites extending from Burgersdorp and Zithulele in the Eastern Cape to Mossel Bay in the Western Cape.

Our safety team is currently judging the entries across this vast area, and we look forward to receiving the results and selecting those sites that will be entered into the prestigious national safety competition.

Fuel Prices

Fuel prices continue to rise globally as a result of the conflict in the Middle East and the resultant closure of the Straits of Hormuz, and it appears that we are in for another significant fuel increase on Wednesday 6 May, 2026.

We have published [a number of articles](#) on the fuel increases to our website and are acutely aware of the strain and additional cost that this is placing on construction and as a result Master Builders SA held a national webinar on Friday 10 April 2026 to consider the contractual implications and possible remedies open to members. The full recording of the webinar is available on our [MBA video library](#).

We appeal to all parties to handle these matters in a realistic and conciliatory manner in order to ensure the successful completion of projects.

Public Procurement

Government has given notice that the draft General Public Procurement Regulations, 2026, to be made in terms of section 63(1) of the Public Procurement Act, 2024 (Act 28 of 2024 - 'the Act'), published for public comment.

The Notice was published on 16 April 2026 and provides 60 days for comment. Full details with [downloads](#) are available on our MBA News page and we invite comments from members for onward submission to Government.

[Full Details...](#)

BCEA Earning Threshold Increase

The Minister of Employment and Labour has published a new earnings threshold in terms of Section 6(3) of the Basic Conditions of Employment Act 75 of 1997.

[Read more...](#)

Disaster Readiness in Construction

Master Builders SA recently held a Seminar entitled "From Policy to Practice: Improving Disaster Readiness on Construction Sites"

[Find out more and watch the video here...](#)

Construction Sector Compliance

Compliance with legislation and regulatory frameworks in the construction industry remains a massive problem, especially with fly-by-night contractors entering various markets and tendering for, and securing, work at cut-throat prices as a result of their non-compliance with numerous statutory requirements.

The MBA is acutely aware of the catastrophic consequences that can result from non-compliant construction activity. It is therefore our duty, not only to advise and educate members in this regard but also to raise such matters with local authorities where necessary.

[More info...](#)

CPAP

One possible way to recover the increased cost related to fuel increases is through the Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP). This method of adjustment will only apply if selected by the parties in the Contract Data at tender stage. The association will be carefully monitoring the indices to ensure that the implications of the fuel price increases are carried through to the various workgroup indices.

We also note that the Indices for March 2026 have been published by Stats SA (see link below) but that the industry will have to wait for the April Indices before the increase begins to reflect.

WSP Submissions

The MBA's training department assists employers to submit their [workplace skills plans \(WSP's\)](#) to the CETA, thereby securing levy refunds or mandatory grants for members. I'm pleased to advise that, as that the closing date for submission this year, the MBA was able to assist no less than 76 of our member companies with the submission of their WSP's.

You may also recall that in the SONA address, as well as the Budget Speech, mention was made of increasing this mandatory grant from 20% to the original 40%, which means that employers who do submit WSP's stand to gain much more through the mandatory grant process than previously. We therefore encourage more employers to take advantage of this benefit.

Although the 30 April 2026 deadline is looming, 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.

[Find out more...](#)

Sincerely

Greg

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Useful Information...

- National Minimum Wage: [R 30.23 / Hour](#) (Effective -1 March 2026)
- Headline CPI Inflation : [March 2026 \[3.1%\]](#)
- Latest CPAP Indices : [March 2026](#) (Including Info Graphic)
- SA Builder : April 2026 - [Download...](#)

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