

The Department of CoGHSTA met with all Senior Traditional Leaders and some headmen at The Ranch Hotel to discuss and make inputs on the Limpopo Initiation School Repeal Bill.

The Bill is aimed at:

- Regulating the holding of initiation schools,
- Provide for the prohibition against abduction,
- To provide for a consent or permission for the performance of initiation operation and holding.
- It also provides for the implementation and monitoring of health and hygiene standards.

**Resolutions for Limpopo Initiation School Repeal Bill: .**

- If a person is not a graduate and caught snooping at the initiation school, he will be detained. If you are under age, the school will consult with your parents and Senior Traditional Leader concerned for permission.
- Admission fee will be regulated and issued by the MEC for CoGHSTA in consultation with Senior Traditional Leaders.
- Local Houses must establish committees to assist the Provincial House in recommending applications for initiation schools, which must be approved or disapproved by the department.
- People above 21 years can attend initiation school without parents or guardians' consent.
- Senior Traditional Leaders are not allowed to operate initiation schools in other Senior Traditional Leader's areas of jurisdiction.

The closing date for applications of Limpopo Initiation School Permits is on the 28 February 2013. All applications must be submitted to all five districts in the province. CoGHSTA will later conduct the initiation school compulsory workshop for all Senior Traditional Leaders in an effort to reduce death rate and other related matters.