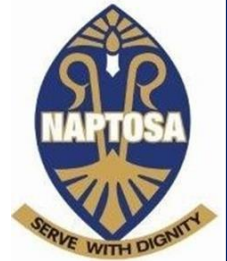


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## URGENT WARNING AGAINST RELEASE OF EMPLOYEES' PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAPTOSA has learnt with dismay about personal information of employees in the education sector being distributed in the public domain. A list of names, Personal numbers, and workplaces of individuals who will be retiring in 2025 was attached to a North West Provincial Education Department circular letter issued in the province.

NAPTOSA has also learnt of an increase in incidents of individuals calling school administrators to obtain personal information of recently retired employees. These persons are likely to be brokers or scamsters attempting to illegally obtain information of employees and retirees with perceived financial resources. Some school administrators are unwittingly passing on such information, exposing employees to possible harm.

NAPTOSA cautions School Principals and Circuit Managers not to allow the release of personal information of former or current employees and calls on the authorities to act against those in breach of the provisions of the *POPI Act*.

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