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## **RELIEF TEACHERS**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Department of Education plans to invest a significant amount of funding, time and effort in helping teachers to upgrade their professional skills. The Gauteng Department of Education will also be offering teachers a range of opportunities to improve their professional practice and to gain confidence in their ability to deliver the national curriculum as effectively as possible. Much of the training will require teachers to be away from their classes for days or weeks at a time. Given the taxing workload involved in teaching and the many other demands made of teachers, the time needed for the important task of building professional capacity will compete with the time needed for daily teaching. There is a need to improve professional practice but also to ensure that schooling continues without interruption as a result of training. The issue will be addressed to an extent by the deployment of relief teachers to some of the affected schools.

### **INVITATION TO SERVE AS A RELIEF TEACHER**

Sci-Bono seeks to register and train a group of relief teachers whose role will be to temporarily take the place of school teachers selected for training. Relief teachers will spend a limited periods at a time, in school classrooms in a care-taker role, while the selected teachers are away on training.

Sci-Bono invites suitably qualified individuals to apply to be trained and deployed as relief teachers. Selected teachers will be contracted for short term placements, particularly but not exclusively in the areas of mathematics, physical and life science and technology.

The positions will suit retired or unemployed teachers and retired/unemployed professionals with any form of science, maths, engineering or technology background, unplaced graduates or part-time university students who have some time available and who wish to contribute to improving education. Teaching experience is an advantage, but not a necessity as training and on-site support will be provided. All placements will be in Gauteng public schools.

To apply, please email a CV to [Hemant@sci-bono.co.za](mailto:Hemant@sci-bono.co.za) and with 'Relief Teacher' followed by your name in the email subject line. For more information call (011) 639 8400. Please respond by the 17 October 2009.