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In the biggest medical intern allocation programme in history, 2 369 interns joined the health workforce in 2020.

In addition, a further 41 medical interns that studied abroad have passed their exams and are now being allocated in various provinces across the country.

The country will also soon welcome over 650 graduates from the Nelson Mandela Fidel Castro Cuba medical programme who will begin their reintegration programmes in preparation for their qualifications to practice in South Africa.

This phenomenal recruitment drive forms part of implementing the programmes that emanate from the resolutions of the Presidential Health Compact.

Says Minister of Health Dr Zweli Mkhize: Human Resources for Health is the first pillar of the Presidential Health Compact. Its premier position amongst the nine pillars highlights the significance government places on strengthening and sustaining human resources for the health care sector. Without doctors, there is no health care system. I am extremely proud of the Department's achievement to ensure that the South African medical fraternity continues to grow. Having met some of these bright young colleagues, I am always left inspired by their passion, enthusiasm and willingness to contribute not only to the fight against COVID-19 but also to the attainment of Universal Health Coverage."

The provincial and military health allocations are detailed below:

Medical Interns Allocated to the 2020 Year Cycle:

Province/SAMHS	SA	Permanent Resident	Grand Total
EC	215	1	216
FS	101	4	105
GP	678	20	698
KZ	545	5	550
LP	143	1	144
MP	91		91
NC	40	2	42
NW	142	6	148
WC	322		322
SAMHS	19		19
Grand Total	2296	39	2335

Medical Interns Allocated in the 2020 Mid-Year Cycle.

Row Labels	SA	Permanent Resident	Grand Total
FS	14		14
GP	14	1	15
KZ	14	1	15
LP	4		4
NW	13		13
Grand Total	59	2	61

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