



The law governing education in South Africa supports the idea that schools and their governing bodies should belong to a governing body association.

The Governing Body Foundation (often referred to as the GBF) is one such association - your partner, helping hand, strong support, vigilant watchdog. Learn more!

WHO is the GBF?

- The GBF is a national body which has members in all provinces, and offices strategically placed in major cities around the country - Johannesburg, Cape Town, Gqeberha and Durban.
- It is a non-aligned, independent, non-profit body whose members comprise schools and their governing bodies.
- It was founded in 1997 in response to the need for leadership and guidance expressed by governing bodies.
- The GBF is officially recognised by the Department of Basic Education and the various provincial education departments.

WHAT does the GBF do for you?

The GBF can help you by:

- Supporting you and providing guidance in co-operative school governance;
- Assisting you (both principals and SGBs) with your individual queries;
- Helping you with the implementation of policies;
- Helping you understand your different roles and responsibilities;
- Representing you in your interactions with your provincial education department;
- Providing capacity-building seminars on school governance (online and in person);
- Representing member schools on national and provincial structures of the departments of education.

HOW does the GBF do this?

- The GBF officers have a wealth of knowledge on governance matters as well as practical school experience.
- All the provincial officers are available every weekday during school terms for telephone or email queries or, if necessary, for visits to your school.
- We have an extensive website (www.gbf.org.za) where we provide exemplars of essential documents (e.g. school policies, employment contracts and job descriptions) as well as advice documents dealing with a range of topics (e.g. learner disciplinary hearings, SGB elections, procurement procedures, managing finances and handling staff matters).
- Our national newsletter informs SGBs about developments in education and provides guidance on governance responsibilities.
- Workshops, webinars and e-seminars are offered to SGB members, at no extra cost, to equip them to perform their duties.
- There are also "ad hoc" communications reminding schools of things they need to do, forms to be submitted and the like, as well as occasional opinion pieces.
- There are dedicated LSEN and Technical School desks.

Want to know more?

For further information please contact your nearest provincial officer. Contact details below.

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