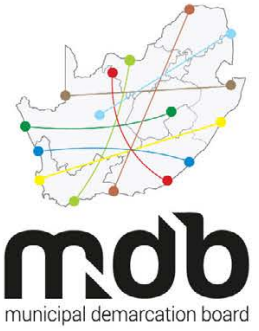


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Public consultations on Municipal ward changes

In the 2023/2024 municipal boundary re-determination process, 13 cases affecting 19 municipalities were deferred for further investigation.

After extensive research and stakeholder engagement, the MDB has resolved not to re-determine any municipal boundaries at this time.

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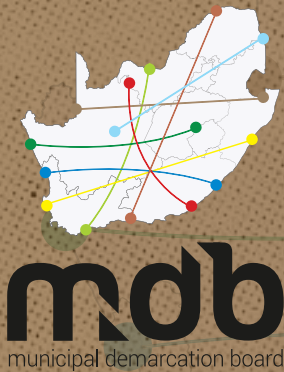
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WARD DELIMITATION: APPROACHING FINALISATION

As we approach the final stages of the ward delimitation process, we reflect on a journey that began in 2024. This process has encompassed technical consultations, public education and awareness campaigns, extensive public consultations, numerous stakeholder engagements, an objections period, and ultimately the handover of wards to the Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC), marking the conclusion of this phase.

While the process has not been without its challenges, we are deeply appreciative of the active involvement of community members. This participation is evident in the significant number of objections and enquiries received. We recognise that not all stakeholders will be satisfied with the final ward delimitations. However, we encourage all eligible citizens to register to vote, as civic participation remains essential in shaping the future of our wards.

The Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) has successfully finalised 4,305 wards, representing 95% of all wards nationally. A total of 183 wards (5%) remain outstanding. These are located within four municipalities in the KwaZulu-Natal Province, where the process was previously pending litigation:

- eThekweni Municipality – 112 outstanding wards
- Mkhambathini Municipality – 10 outstanding wards
- Inkosi Langalibalele Municipality – 24 outstanding wards
- Alfred Duma Municipality – 37 outstanding wards

Public consultations for these municipalities have since been conducted in early March 2026, followed by the publication of the Provincial Gazette toward the end of March 2026, which initiated a 14-day objection period.

All objections received will be carefully assessed in accordance with the applicable legal framework. Thereafter, the MDB will determine and publish the final ward configurations in the Provincial Gazette by May 2026. These final delimitations will then be formally handed over to the IEC, marking the conclusion of the process.

Public participation remains at the heart of building a fair and sustainable spatial democracy. Moving forward, we remain committed to strengthening public awareness and understanding of demarcation processes to promote informed and active citizen engagement.

Members of the public are encouraged to familiarise themselves with their respective wards using the Know Your Wards application—an interactive web-based platform available on the MDB website, www.demarcation.org.za.



Public Announcement

MDB calls for objections on Electoral Wards for Ethekwini, Mkhambathini, Inkosi Langalibalele and Alfred Duma Municipalities

The Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) has determined wards and to that effect, notices have been published in Provincial Gazettes inviting any person aggrieved by a determination of municipal wards to within 14 days of publication of the Provincial Gazette, submit objections in writing to the Board.


Written objections can be submitted through the following platforms:


- Use the MDB 5 Form for submission, accessible from the MDB website: www.demarcation.org.za
- Submission form must be emailed to: registry@demarcation.org.za
- **Fax:** 086 524 8643
- The gazettes are available on: www.demarcation.org.za
- If you have lodged objections for eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality and Mkhambathini Local Municipality for the publication on the 2nd of October 2025 (2851/ 934-973), you may lodge objections again.

KwaZulu-Natal Province

Municipality	Publication Date	Provincial Gazette	No	Closing Date
Ethekwini Municipality	26 March 2026	2894	1045	08 April 2026
Mkhambathini Thini Municipality	26 March 2026	2894	1045	08 April 2026
Inkosi Langalibalele Municipality	26 March 2026	2894	1045	08 April 2026
Alfred Duma Municipality	30 March 2026	2894 & 2897	1045 & 1064	12 April 2026

info@demarcation.org.za

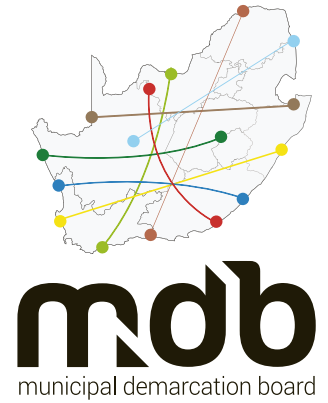
 **012 342 2481**

 **060 549 9008**

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Know your wards



Ward boundaries for the 2026 local government elections have been finalised and handed over to the Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) in December 2025, to mark the conclusion of the process.

Outstanding wards impacting four KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Municipalities (eThekweni, Mkhambathini, Inkosi Langalibalele and Alfred Duma municipalities), will be finalised by May 2026.



For more information:
Go directly to the info portal:

Register Online to Vote

Visit: registertovote.elections.org.za



Scan the QR Code

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For more information contact the MDB

The Municipal Demarcation Board: Safeguarding fair and effective local governance



Established in 1999, the Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) is an independent constitutional authority committed to strengthening South Africa's local government landscape guided by the Municipal Demarcation Act (Act No. 27 of 1998) and the Municipal Structures Act (Act No. 117 of 1998).

The MDB executes its mandate without fear, favour, or prejudice — ensuring that municipal boundaries and governance structures serve the best interests of communities across the country.

At the heart of effective local government lies clearly defined and sustainable municipal boundaries. The MDB is entrusted with the responsibility to:

- Determine and Re-determine Municipal Boundaries
- Delimit Ward Boundaries for Local Government Elections
- Conduct Municipal Capacity Assessments
- Provide Advisory Services on Local Government Matters

For over two decades, the MDB has remained steadfast in its commitment to independence, transparency, and public participation. Its work ensures that municipal structures are rational, sustainable, and responsive to the developmental needs of communities.

By shaping functional municipal boundaries and strengthening institutional capacity, the Municipal Demarcation Board continues to lay the groundwork for accountable governance which, it is envisaged, will improve service delivery across South Africa.

The MDB welcomes the anticipated enactment of the Independent Municipal Demarcation Authority Act, which will address existing gaps and advance the development of spatially transformed, equitable, and sustainable communities.



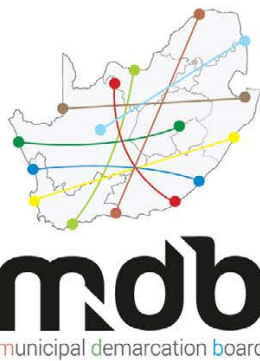
MDB Debriefing Session

A Board session was conducted from 23 to 24 March 2026 to engage with and seek guidance from the Board on key strategic matters:

- Lessons learnt from the Ward Delimitation Process
- Lessons learnt from the Boundary Redetermination Process
- Implications of the IMDA Bill
- Scenario considerations regarding the implementation of the IMDA

MDB staff are grateful for the valuable insights shared and captured, which will enrich and inform future processes.





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