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## Press Statement

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### **National Lotteries Board next charities call for applications**

The National Lotteries Board (NLB) today announced that as a result of the amendment to the Lotteries Act and the recently published regulations, the organisation was not in a position to issue a call for applications in the Charities sector at the end of April 2015, as promised earlier this year. The NLB is obliged to align the new call for applications to the new regulations that were published on 14 April 2015, says Chief Executive Officer, Charlotte Mampane.

The NLB however, commits to announcing a call for applications in the Charities sector by the end of June 2015. The call for applications will be supported by a series of education and awareness workshops in all provinces to familiarize prospective applicants with the regulations and the requirements for funding.

The call for applications at the beginning of 2015 aimed at Early Childhood Development is a legacy project aimed at creating adequate access to ECD facilities across the country.

“To date, the NLB has received approximately 4 500 applications from ECD centres for related infrastructure development. A budget of R400 million has been set aside for the targeted ECD call for applications”, continues Mampane.

The Charities Distributing Agency is currently adjudicating the Early Childhood Development infrastructure applications, which were received on 13 February 2015. As this was a targeted call for applications, priority will be given to the rural and previously disadvantaged areas identified in the call for applications. Priority will also be given to those provinces that have not accessed the minimum 5% provincial allocation, prescribed by the regulations.

“The assessment of ECD applications is therefore managed in a phased approach. Applicant organisations will be advised of the outcome of their applications as the process unfolds”, concludes Mampane.

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The NLB understands the challenges that NGOs face in their attempts to raise funds and as such, NGOs are urged to keep an eye on the NLB website, [www.nlb.org.za](http://www.nlb.org.za), and the media for the next call for applications and to make their submissions as soon as the call is announced.

Ends.

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