



Free State



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THE FREE STATE SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE

The region has an excellent educational infrastructure. There are tertiary institutions that offer a variety of degrees and diplomas that can be studied. There is a large number of Primary and Secondary School with Botshabelo having over 60 schools, known for providing exceptionally good education.

HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

High quality medical care is also available through government and private medical facilities including an academic hospital. Reputed for its high standards, the multifaceted research facilities are conducting trails, clinical pharmacology development, Research and Development and drug development.



AIR INFRASTRUCTURE

There is one national airport located in Bloemfontein. This airport serves as major feeder airport to the country's international airports. The airport handles about 202 000 air-traffic movements a year as well as brisk cargo.

ROAD NETWORK

The municipal region enjoys a network of national roads linking it to Cape Town/Johannesburg (N1), Maseru (Lesotho) (N8) and N6 (East London). This network of national routes linking Motheo to major towns in other provinces is clearly a distinct competitive advantage.

RAIL NETWORK

Similar to its extensive road system, the Motheo also has a comprehensive rail network. Bloemfontein is one of the busiest railway transportation centres in South Africa. Most national lines connect through the city.

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Spoornet locomotives annual capacity is currently 185 million tons which Transnet is planning to increase to 240 million tons over a 15 year period.

ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLY

Electricity in South Africa is generated by Eskom through numerous power stations and channelled to a national network from where it reaches consumers through distribution plants. Bloemfontein possesses its own power station capable of generating 120 MW. South Africa's only two hydro-electric power stations are situated at the Xhariep and Vanderkloof Dams in the Free State. Electricity is available at rates ranging from R31 per kVA to R33 per kVA, depending on the needs of the customer. An emergency system provides an uninterrupted flow of electricity in the event of a power failure.

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Five industrial areas in and around Bloemfontein, viz, Bloemindustria, Hilton, Hamilton, East End and Old Industrial, consisting of fully established infrastructures, with required power, water and sewerage supply lines, offer the following:

- Standard factories are available, ranging from 500m² to 4 000m².
- Fully serviced sites are available for the development of new factory buildings.
- Factories can be constructed in any requested size at short notice, for confirmed relocations, according to specification.

In addition, industrialists are being assisted with advisory services ranging from market studies, viability studies, technical and

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