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Educating the nation

Government is to roll out a R6,1 billion literacy campaign over the next five years, targeting 4,7 million South Africans who were previously denied access to education.

“Illiteracy is hampering our people’s ability to enjoy the full benefits of the country’s democracy and economic successes, This campaign will target 4,7 million South Africans who were denied access to education and training under apartheid,” government spokesperson Themba Maseko said recently.

Education Minister Naledi Pandor is to submit a detailed implementation plan for the campaign to Cabinet this year. It will target young people, women and adults with special learning needs.

Cabinet also approved a proposal for the establishment of a public service academy to replace the South African Management Development Institute.

Maseko said the academy would address issues relating to values, ethos, skills and knowledge required for a developmental state.

Its programmes would be delivered in collaboration with higher education institutions in the public and private sectors. — Bua-News.