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WELCOME TO 2025!

Welcome to an exciting 2025, interest rates are dropping, the BELA Act has been promulgated, exemption season has started, and Trump is in power in the USA.

The cost of living continues to rise and as such, it is becoming tougher for schools to collect school fees.

Ways to manage your debtors book include ensuring that you have both parent's ID numbers, send monthly statements prior to the 25th of each month, do your Section 41 letters early in the year (March/April), process exemptions by the end of the first term and hand over your non-payers as soon as possible (August/September).

If you have not yet done your handovers for 2024 now is the time to do so. Drop us a line if you would like further information on these points.

IT'S EXEMPTION SEASON

CeeBee provides an Exemption processing service, that includes a full verification of the parent's financial status. The verifications assist with more accurate information on the parent's financial status, which the parents don't always share with the school.

1. We then analyse the application on your behalf, in terms of the Exemption Regulations, and prepare the outcome letters for the School Governing Body to sign off. We also do the requisite control sheets, and a statistical report of all your Exemption applications.
2. The exemption processing service is offered to our clients at a rate of R75 per exemption, excluding VAT.
3. Alternatively, if you prefer to process your own applications, we can provide you, at no cost, with a comprehensive report reflecting the parent's financial status, living standard measurement (LSM), contact details, address verification, employment details, Directorships, and property ownership.

i We also offer free exemption workshops to your Bursars and SGB's, by the following CeeBee Senior Management:



Megan Oosthuizen (BCom) (LLB)
General Manager Legal



Douglas Brake
Chief Executive Officer



Simone Porter (LLB)
Managing Director



WHY USE CEEBEE?

What sets CeeBee apart from other debt collection companies?

- We are focused on school fee debt collection. Nothing else.
- We have 2 full-time Attorneys working in the business, and we have 76 Attorneys nationwide on monthly retainers.
- Schools get their money first when school fees are collected. It is immediately allocated to the capital handed over by the school.
- There are no legal fees. CeeBee pays for all legal action taken, up to and including Default Judgement, and Sheriff costs. We do not charge you or the debtor any legal costs.
- We charge the debtors mora interest (currently 11%). We give the interest to the school.
- We have extensive insurance policies to protect our clients, namely Commercial Crime Insurance, Cyber Risk Insurance and Professional Indemnity Insurance. CeeBee has your money covered.

Trusted since 1999, CeeBee is the most cost-effective and low-risk debt collection provider for schools.

BELA ACT

The amendments proposed by the Bela Act have officially come into operation as of 20 December 2024.

Three key aspects that have been the center of much controversy that are now applicable are:

1. Introduction of Grade R as a compulsory year of Schooling.
2. School Admission Policies and language Policies, still rests with the SGB, who must take certain factors into consideration when determining such policies.

One of the factors to be considered is the language needs of the broader community in which the school is placed.

Another factor to be considered regarding Admissions, is whether there are other schools in the community that are accessible to learners.

The school's language policy must be reviewed every three years.

3. While the SGB in essence still retains control for the determination of the aforesaid policies, the SGB is now subject to review of the head of the provincial education department, who after consultation with the SGB, has the final authority to admit a learner, and or direct that a school have more than one language policy.



NEW ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

Due to growth, we now have a 4th building to house our Administration Department at 233 Rondebult.

This houses all our administration departments under one roof being our internal administration department, final demands department, School Fee Admin, and Section 41 and Exemptions department.

An additional collection team will take over the Administration team's office space at 228 Rondebult Road.



WE'RE GROWING



226 and 228 Rondebult – CeeBee Head Office and Collection Hub.



233 - Administration office



235 – Legal offices

TEAM CEEBEE 2025



NEW CEEBEE SCHOOLS

We welcomed the following schools to the CeeBee family, since October 2024:

Gauteng: Laerskool Kommando, Laerskool Florida, Laerskool Oos-Driefontein, Gereformeerde Skool Dirk Postma, Benoni Christian School Academy, Laerskool Randfontein, Kangaroo Primary School, Mother Kangaroo Preschool & Daycare, Alma Mater International School, Ruimsig Academy, Eagle House School, Wordsworth High School, Amandasig Secondary School, Learnwrite Assisted Learning School, New Day Christian Academy. **Limpopo:** Calvin College, SA Bet-Shalom Christian School, Eagle's Next Christian School, Laerskool Burgersfort, Frans Du Toit High School, The Montessori Centre Polokwane.

Free State: St. Michael's School for Girls Bloemfontein, Primêre Skool Jim Fouché, Parys Hoërskool.

Western Cape: Hoërskool Dirkie Uys, Bramble Hill International School, Bramble Hill Golf Academy, Zonnebloem Nest Senior School, Hoërskool Swellendam, Cape Town Montessori Centre, Huis Morelig Koshuis (Hoërskool Dirkie Uys), Roosmaryn en Roodelig Koshuis (Hoërskool Namakwaland), Ambleside School of Hout Bay. **Northern Cape:** Laerskool Groblershoop, Laerskool Seodin.

Eastern Cape: Bedford Country School. **KZN:** Northlands Girls High School, Northlands Pre-Primary School, Glenmore Primary School, Mtunzini Primary School Hartley Road Primary School.

2025 MOTTO

We will thrive in twenty, twenty-five

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