



Abridged Biography | Dr Blade Nzimande



Dr Blade Nzimande was appointed as Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation on 30 May 2019. He was Minister of Transport from 27 February 2018 to 25 May 2019. He was the Minister of Higher Education and Training from 26 May 2014 until 17 October 2017.

He is a General Secretary of the South African Communist Party; former chairperson of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Education; former deputy chair of the Central Committee of the South African Communist Party; and the former chairperson of the Financial Sector Campaign Coalition.

Dr Nzimande holds a Doctorate in Philosophy specialising in Sociology from the University of Natal. He lectured at the University of Zululand in 1985 and was a lecturer in Industrial Psychology at the University of Natal in 1987. He was a Council member at the University of South Africa; a member of the National Deployment Committee of the ANC; chairperson of the board of trustees at the Centre for Educational Policy Development; a council member at the University of Transkei; a council member at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, and chairperson of the African National Congress Parliamentary Study Group on Education.

Dr Nzimande published several publications, including writing a book titled *Children of wars: the impact of violence on schooling in Natal Durban*: Education Policy Unit.
