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CIPC Implements Business Rescue e-Learning Course

The Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) has launched the Business Rescue Course to show how financially distressed South African companies can be rehabilitated. The training raises public awareness and educates members of close corporations and company directors on Business Rescue as a practical option for companies experiencing financial distress.

As a legal process under Chapter 6 of the South African Companies Act, Business Rescue offers affected companies an opportunity to restructure their debts, contracts and operations, or secure a better return for creditors. This training initiative aims to inform the public about these benefits. In essence, Business Rescue provides temporary debt relief and strategic restructuring, helping to stabilise supply chains, protect investments and support long-term private sector growth.

The CIPC e-Learning course presents Business Rescue as a practical, legally grounded solution for financially distressed companies. With clear explanations and relatable examples, candidates will learn how Business Rescue can protect value, save jobs and give struggling businesses a second chance to thrive.

The training has been available since June 2026, and it enables interested participants to learn about the following concepts:

- Business Rescue definition and concepts
- How the process commences
- Legal Protections and moratoriums
- The Business Rescue Plan
- The role of company leadership
- Termination and conclusion of the process
- The impact of the proceedings on company shares

Interested participants can enrol in the free e-Learning course at https://elearning.cipc.co.za/. Upon successful completion, participants may download a certificate of completion and a reference guideline document.

Business Rescue training should be embraced as a vital tool to expose stakeholders to available options for implementing comprehensive solutions for sustainable recovery and achieving long-term viability. As a lifeline, it plays an integral role in enabling and sustaining economic development, supporting jobs and preventing the severe consequences of liquidation.