



## Student Retention and Graduate Destination: Higher Education and Labour Market Access and Success

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HSRC Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Student Retention and Graduate Destination: Higher Education and Labour Market Access and Success, Moeketsi Letseka, Michael Cosser, Mignonne Breier, Mariette Visser, Student attrition has been a perennial theme in South African higher education throughout the past decade. In its National Plan for Higher Education (2001), the Department of Education attributed high drop-out rates primarily to financial and/or academic exclusions. Four years later, it reported that 30 per cent of students dropped out in their first year of study and a further 20 per cent during their second and third years. Against this backdrop, the erstwhile research programme on Human Resources Development initiated a research project to investigate more thoroughly why students dropped out, what led them to persist in higher education to graduation, and what made for a successful transition to the labour market. The chapters in this volume variously address these issues in relation to one or more of seven institutional case studies conducted in 2005. Although the data analysed pertain to the 2002 cohort of graduation/non-completing students and to institutional data for 2004/5, their currency is confirmed by the recent interest expressed by the new Ministry of Higher Education and...



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