



Covid-19 Regulatory Update

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Covid-19 related guidelines and regulations: <https://www.gov.za/coronavirus/guidelines>.
 Covid-19 Directives and notices relating to legal practitioners:
<http://www.derebus.org.za/directives-covid-19/> / <https://lpc.org.za/>

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AGRICULTURE

Media Release

MEC Ivan Meyer on Western Cape agriculture measures during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 01 April 2020.

“Since the declaration of a national disaster, the Western Department of Agriculture has been working closely with a number of its stakeholders. Commenting on the engagements with stakeholders Western Cape Minister of Agriculture, Dr Ivan Meyer expressed his satisfaction that organized agriculture has been proactive in putting in place measures to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Minister Meyer: “Our key stakeholders have been exceptional at not only putting in place their own measures to deal with the COVID-19 virus but are also very supportive of the initiatives the Western Cape Department of Agriculture has put in place to protect the sector.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/mec-ivan-meyer-western-cape-agriculture-measures-during-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-1-apr>

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AVIATION

Government Gazette

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002

Amendment to [GN412 GG 43157 p3 26Mar2020](#): Measures to prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in the Air Services. Substitution of Direction 5.

GN438 GG 43189 p3 31Mar2020

http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43189_31-3_Transport.pdf

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EDUCATION

Media Release

National School of Government on online courses for public servants during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 01 April 2020.

“The National School of Government (NSG) has unveiled more online courses for public servants to complete while observing the national lockdown at home to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. The Minister for the Public Service and Administration Mr Senzo Mchunu on Tuesday 31 March 2020 urged public servants to enrol for the compulsory Nyukela Pre-Senior Management Service course during this period as part of building an ethical, capable and developmental public service. All who wish to join the senior management service should complete this course. The NSG has in addition unveiled more online courses that are ready from today, 1st of April 2020, for self-registration and enrolment.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/national-school-government-online-courses-public-servants-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

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FINANCIAL LAW

Media Statement

SMME, informal sector relief interventions unveiled.

2020 Mar 31 SA News

“Government has unveiled wide-ranging financing interventions for COVID-19-hit Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) and businesses in the informal sectors. The interventions, including a Debt Relief Financing Scheme and Growth Resilience Facility for SMMEs, were unveiled by Small Business Development Minister Khumbudzo Ntshavheni during a social cluster media briefing on Tuesday. The qualification criteria have been developed and will be available for online applications from 2 April 2020. For now, applications can be made manually.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/smme-informal-sector-relief-interventions-unveiled>

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LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

Notice

Legal Practice Council. Legal practitioners who need to apply for Permits to Perform Essential Service in terms of Regulation 11A(B) 16 must do so provincially. 27 March 2020.

<http://www.derebus.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Notice-to-Legal-practitioners-applying-for-permits.pdf>

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MEDICAL LAW

Media Releases

Deputy President Mabuza conveys condolences on passing of Professor Gita Ramjee. 01 April 2020.

“Deputy President David Mabuza, in his capacity as Chairperson of the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC), wishes to convey condolences on the passing of former Chief Specialist Scientist and Director of the South African Medical Research Council’s (SAMRC) HIV Prevention Research Unit, Professor Gita Ramjee. Professor Ramjee succumbed to complications emanating from the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. Professor Ramjee was renowned for her work on finding HIV prevention methods that were conducive to the lifestyles, circumstances and perceived risk factors that South African women face as well as in the attempts to find an effective HIV vaccine.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/deputy-president-mabuza-conveys-condolences-passing-professor-gita-ramjee-1-apr-2020-0000>

Minister Angie Motshekga sends condolences to family of teacher who died due to Coronavirus COVID-19 in KZN. 01 April 2020.

“The Minister of Basic Education Angie Motshekga and the KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education Kwazi Mshengu have conveyed their condolences to the family of the teacher who passed away as a result of the coronavirus. The 45-years old teacher from Platt Drive Primary in Isiphingo died yesterday after testing positive several days ago. Another

teacher from the same school has also tested positive. All those who may come into contact with the deceased are advised to present themselves for testing. A 14-year old learner, related to one of the two teachers, in Grade 9 at Ogwini High School in Umlazi Township south of Durban has also tested positive.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-angie-motshekga-sends-condolences-family-teacher-who-died-due-coronavirus-covid-19>

Minister Zweli Mkhize launches Coronavirus COVID-19 mobile sampling and testing units. 01 April 2020.

“In light of the increasing incidence of COVID-19 local transmissions, it has become necessary to scale up the capacity of testing citizens across the country. To this end The National Health Laboratory service has procured 60 mobile sampling and testing units to be deployed nationwide to all districts and metropolitan municipalities. The Minister of Health, Dr Zweli Mkhize, will be launching and showcasing these mobile testing units at the NHLS.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-launches-coronavirus-covid-19-mobile-sampling-and-testing-units-1-apr>

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SAFETY AND SECURITY

Media Release

Water and Sanitation dispatches water tankers in Free State. 01 April 2020.

“In an effort to fight the spread of the Coronavirus and ensure that the COVID-19 Curve is flattened, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has dispatched trucks (tankers) and tanks all over the Free State. On 22 March 2020 President Ramaphosa declared a shutdown of the country to curb the spread of the Coronavirus. DWS immediately started working on a plan to dispense water tanks and trucks to informal settlements and rural areas to strengthen the President’s call to the washing of hands. 31 water trucks have been dispersed to Vrede, Faresburg, Harrismitth, Senekal, Clocolan, Petrusteyn, Cornelia, Villiers, Kroonstad, Viljoenskroon, Welkom, Bloemfontein, Thabanchu and Sasolburg.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/water-and-sanitation-dispatches-water-tankers%C2%A0-free-state%C2%A0-1-apr-2020-0000>

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SOCIAL SERVICES

Media Release

Deputy Minister Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu visits homeless shelters in Gauteng. 01 April 2020.

“As part of the national response to contain the spread and mitigate the impact of COVID-19, the Department of Social Development has activated shelters, and in some cases, established new shelters to provide meals and accommodation to homeless people and children. The purpose of Deputy Minister Bogopane-Zulu’s visit is to monitor compliance with the lockdown regulations and recommended hygiene standards to contain the further spread of COVID-19, especially in Gauteng which is the epicentre of the pandemic in South Africa.

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/deputy-minister-hendrietta-bogopane-zulu-visits-homeless-shelters-gauteng-1-apr-1-apr-2020>

Media Statement

KZN social grant payments a success despite few problems.

2020 Apr 1 SA News

“Despite teething problems experienced in some areas in KwaZulu-Natal during the first two days set aside to pay social grants to older people and people with disabilities, the payments of grants were largely successful. The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) brought the social grants payment dates forward and set aside 30 – 31 March 2020 as special days for older people and people with disabilities, due to the 21-day nationwide lockdown which aims to contain and mitigate the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in South Africa. The payment of social grants highlights the importance of providing safety net for the poor and vulnerable amid what has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO).”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/kzn-social-grant-payments-success-despite-few-problems>

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STATISTICS

Media Release

Ministers release results of first round of public survey on the impact of Coronavirus COVID-19. 01 April 2020.

“The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande, and the Minister of Health, Dr Zweli Mkhize, will release the results from the first round of the public survey looking at the impact of the COVID-19 on South Africans. On Friday 27 March 2020 – the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)- an entity of the Department of Science and Innovation - announced the launch the public survey to better understand what the South African public knows about Covid-19, the state of readiness to deal with this global pandemic and how they feel about

it. The survey came within the context of a rapidly rising infection rate amongst South Africans which necessitated a declaration of a state of disaster and national lockdown, to help control the spread of the virus.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/ministers-release-results-first-round-public-survey-impact-coronavirus-covid-19-2-apr-1-apr>

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TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Media Releases

MEC David Maynier on helping businesses understand and adapt to Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown regulations. 01 April 2020.

“Central to our strategy to support businesses and the economy in the Western Cape is helping businesses understand and adapt to the lockdown regulations so that as many businesses as possible can continue to operate during this challenging time. And so, we’ve been in regular contact with stakeholders at national government and at the South African Police Service (SAPS) in the Western Cape to get clarity on the regulations for lockdown and how they impact on businesses and workers in the Western Cape.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/mec-david-maynier-%C2%A0-helping-businesses-understand-and-adapt-coronavirus-covid-19%C2%A0lockdown-1>

Minister Khumbudzo Ntshavheni warns against fraudulent websites. 31 March 2020.

“The Department of Small Business Development (DSBD) has recently learned of a company named RR Creations Solutions that issued a statement offering an opportunity to SMMEs in the Essential Goods Manufacture category to apply on their website. The company alleges to have been mandated by the Department to assist with the registration process of SMMEs who will be considered for opportunities to supply goods to Spaza shops and retailers nationwide. The organisation further claims to have been tasked to accept applications from SMMEs on behalf of the Department of Small Business Development during the COVID-19 National disaster.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-khumbudzo-ntshavheni-warns-against-fraudulent-websites-31-mar-2020-0000>

North West Economic Development on Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown regulations and directives. 01 April 2020.

“In ensuring that businesses adhere to the Disaster Management Consumer & Customer Protection and National Disaster Management Regulations and Directives the Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism through Consumer Affairs and Small Business Units conducted inspections within Mahikeng area. During the inspection, it was observed that most of the chain stores are still operating their open air food markets which is in-contravention of the regulations. For example businesses were found selling prepared foodstuffs like pap and vleis, pies and cooked vegetables which are regarded non-essential goods. The affected restaurants which were found operating were ordered to close as they were not compliant.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/north-west-economic-development-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-regulations-and-directives-1>

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TRANSPORTATION

Media Release

Transport on revised directions regulating public transport operations during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown period. 01 April 2020.

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/transport-revised-directions-regulating-public-transport-operations-during-coronavirus>

Media Statement

Transport revises taxi regulations during lockdown.

2020 Apr 1 SA News

“Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula has announced revised regulations that call on the taxi industry to among others, reduce the number of passengers ferried per ride during the 21-day nationwide lockdown, implemented to curb the spread of COVID-19. He addressed the media at the Noord Taxi Rank on Wednesday, shortly after addressing traffic officers who have been deployed to ensure compliance with the published regulations during the lockdown. Under the regulations, passenger numbers are determined according to the licensed capacity of the vehicle.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/transport-revises-taxi-regulations-during-lockdown>

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