



## 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*

#### **Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development. Minister Thoko Didiza announces interventions to assist agricultural sector during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 06 April 2020.**

“The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Ms Thoko Didiza, MP is pleased to announce the department’s interventions to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19. The department has ring-fenced R1.2 billion for assistance to mainly target financially distressed small-scale farmers. Of the R1.2 billion, R400 million has been allocated for farmers within the Proactive Land Acquisition Strategy (PLAS) programme and the remainder will be channelled towards all other farmers that are mainly within the following commodity sectors: Poultry: day old chicks, Point of lay chickens, feed, medication and sawdust; other livestock: feed and medication; vegetables: seedlings, fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides and soil correction and other commodity sectors will be evaluated on a case by case basis, as the Department continuously monitors the impact of COVID-19 on the sector at large.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-thoko-didiza-announces-interventions-assist-agricultural-sector-during-coronavirus>

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## COMMUNICATIONS

*Government Gazettes***Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002**

Amendment of Electronic Communications, Postal and Broadcasting Directions ([GN417 GG 43164 p3 26Mar2020](#)) issued under Regulation 10 (8) of the Act.

Amendment of Paragraph 9 and 10 of the Directives.

GN451 GG 43209 p3 6Apr2020

[http://www.gpwnline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43209\\_06-04\\_TeleComDigitalTechnology.pdf](http://www.gpwnline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43209_06-04_TeleComDigitalTechnology.pdf)

**Independent Communications Authority of South Africa Act 13 of 2000**

Information and Communications Technology ("ICT") COVID-19 National Disaster Regulations.

The purpose of these Regulations is to prescribe minimum standards that Licensees must adhere to only during the subsistence of the National State Disaster in order to –

- (a) facilitate the dissemination of information required for dealing with the National Disaster;
- (b) enable the facilitation of the national response to the National Disaster and post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation;
- (c) enable implementation of measures that may be necessary to prevent an escalation of the National Disaster or to alleviate, contain and minimise the effects of the National Disaster; and
- (d) ensure that there is continuation of the provision of services in the Republic.

GenN238 GG 43207 p3 6Apr2020

<https://www.gov.za/documents/independent-communications-authority-south-africa-act-regulations-information-and>

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## CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

*Media Release***Parliament of South Africa. Parliament on Constitutional obligations during Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. 05 April 2020.**

"Parliaments all over the world are grappling with the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on their Constitutional obligations, such as, oversight, lawmaking and public involvement. In South Africa, the social distancing and subsequent national lockdown periods coincided with the scheduled constituency programme of Parliament, during which Members of Parliament (MPs) are required to work within their communities across the country. In terms of the national lockdown regulations, MPs fall within the category of essential services. A National State of the Disaster is an extraordinary measure, involving matters of life and death within a country. It is the Executive's responsibility to ensure that it safeguards the rights of individuals during these difficult times and for Parliament to oversee delivery of services needed to relieve the burden of the COVID-19 pandemic on the public."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/parliament-constitutional-obligations-during-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-5-apr-2020-0000>

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## CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

*Media Release***KwaZulu-Natal Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs. MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube on police action against Dundee liquor trader during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 05 April 2020.**

"A defiant Dundee liquor outlet owner who was busted for allegedly selling liquor despite stringent lockdown regulations has had his entire stock confiscated by the police. The police also seized CCTV footage devices, cash register and point of sale equipment and placed Tayside Bottle Store premises under indefinite lockdown."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/mec-nomusa-dube-ncube-police-action-against-dundee-liquor-trader-during-coronavirus-covid>

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## EDUCATION

*Media Release***Western Cape Education. Western Cape Education on implementing school feeding of vulnerable learners during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 06 April 2020.**

"The Western Cape Government has been working hard to find a solution that would ensure that our learners who normally receive school meals during term time do not go hungry during this extended school closure and lockdown."

We have now been allocated emergency funding from the Province in order to support our learners who ordinarily receive school feeding during term time over the next two weeks.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/western-cape-education-implementing-school-feeding-vulnerable-learners-during-coronavirus>

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## FINANCIAL LAW

*Media Release*

**KwaZulu-Natal Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs. MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube on packages to assist businesses affected by Coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak. 06 April 2020.**

“This week I undertake to announce a series of interventions aimed stimulating the economy and assisting emerging entrepreneurs over the next few months. Our focus is to turn around the situation in response to the devastating impact caused by the outbreak of Coronavirus. We reiterate our commitments to ensure an equal distribution of resources in the hands of the state. We understand that small players such as co-operatives, informal traders such as street traders and hawkers have been badly affected.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/mec-nomusa-dube-ncube-packages-assist-businesses-affected-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak-6>

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## HOME AFFAIRS

*Media Release*

**Department of Home Affairs. Deputy Minister Njabulo Nzuza assesses essential services during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown, 7 Apr. 06 April 2020.**

“The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Njabulo Nzuza, will tomorrow, Tuesday 7 April 2020, visit Home Affairs offices in Edenvale and Soweto. The purpose of the visit is to assess how essential services are provided to citizens during the lockdown. In support of officials on duty, the Deputy Minister will share with the offices, experiences and challenges in this period. During the lockdown, it is required that all interactions are safe and that protective equipment is used properly to protect officials and clients.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/deputy-minister-njabulo-nzuza-assesses-essential-services-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

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## LOCKDOWN REGULATIONS

*Government Gazette*

**Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002**

Department of Small Business Development. Directions issued in terms of Regulation 10 (8) of the Regulations made under Section 27 (2) of the Act: Measures to Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19. Guidance on implementation of the provisions of essential goods and services.

“These Directions are issued in order to assist SMMEs operating grocery stores including the corner shops, spaza shops, fruit and vegetable stores, to comply with the lockdown Regulations.”

RGN450 GG 43208 p3 6Apr2020

[http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43208\\_06-04\\_SmallBusDevelopment.pdf](http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43208_06-04_SmallBusDevelopment.pdf)

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## MEDICAL LAW

*Media Releases*

**North West Provincial Government. Premier Job Mokgoro leads roll out of screening, testing and distribution of protective equipment in North West, 7 Apr. 06 April 2020.**

“Efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19 in the North West Province will this week be intensified as the provincial government, led by Premier Prof Tebogo Job Mokgoro, will tomorrow Tuesday, 7 April 2020, be in Bojanala Platinum District for a whole week mass screening, testing and contact tracing programme in Rustenburg, and initial distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at the Rustenburg taxi rank. As part of this co-ordinated programme, the province will also finalise the process of confirming facilities which will be used as quarantine sites for COVID-19 patients and shelters for the homeless in the Bojanala Platinum District.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/premier-job-mokgoro-leads-roll-out-screening-testing-and-distribution-protective-equipment>

**Western Cape Provincial Government. Premier Alan Winde on number of people screened for Coronavirus COVID-19. 06 April 2020.**

“Update on the coronavirus by Premier Alan Winde – over 1000 people screened on first day. Case update: as at 00h01 on 06 April 2020, the Western Cape had 475 recorded Covid-19 infections. Sub Districts Cape Town Metro: Western: 147; Southern: 119; Northern: 25; Tygerberg: 35; Eastern: 19; Klipfontein: 21; Mitchells Plain: 7 and Khayelitsha: 4. Total: 377. Sub Districts Non-Metro: Garden Route: Bitou: 5; Knysna: 12; George: 13; Hessequa: 5; Mossel Bay: 16; Oudtshoorn: 2. Cape Winelands, Stellenbosch: 16; Drakenstein: 6; Breede Valley: 5; Langeberg: 1. Overberg, Overstrand: 9; Theewaterskloof: 1. West Coast, Saldanha Bay Municipality: 2; Swartland: 2. Unallocated: 3. As at 12h00 today, there are currently 26 patients in hospital, of which 12 are in ICU. We are also very sad to note that the Western Cape recorded its second COVID-19 related death over the weekend. The patient was an 82-year old woman.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/premier-alan-winde-number-people-screened-coronavirus-covid-19-6-apr-2020-0000>

### *Media Statements*

#### **COVID-19 cases rise to 1 655, 11 deaths.**

2020 April 5 SA News

“Health Minister Zweli Mkhize has announced that as of Sunday, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases is 1 655, with 11 confirmed deaths. The Minister said this is an increase of 70 cases from the previous update issued on Saturday. Gauteng remains the province with the highest number of cases with 704, followed by the Western Cape with 454 cases and KwaZulu-Natal with 246 confirmed cases. The Free State has 87, Eastern Cape 31, Limpopo 19, Mpumalanga 18, North West 11, Northern Cape 8 and there are 77 unallocated cases. The Minister said the total number of COVID-19 tests conducted to date is 56 873, an increase of 2 936 from those reported on Saturday. Mkhize conveyed his and government’s condolences to the families of the deceased.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/covid-19-cases-rise-1-655-11-deaths>

#### **COVID-19 cases rise to 1 686.**

2020 April 6 SA News

“On Monday, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases rose to 1 686 - an increase of 31 from the previously reported cases, with one new death reported. Gauteng still leads the pack with the highest number of cases at 713, followed by the Western Cape at 462 and KwaZulu-Natal with 257. The Free State has 89, Eastern Cape 32, Limpopo 19, Mpumalanga 18, North West 11, Northern Cape 8 and 77 unallocated cases.” The total number of COVID-19 tests conducted to date is 58 098.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/covid-19-cases-rise-1-686>

#### **Gauteng rolls out flu vaccine.**

2020 April 6 SA News

“The Gauteng Health Department has urged pregnant women, children and the elderly to present themselves for their annual flu vaccination. “The Gauteng Department of Health in the Ekurhuleni District is calling for people to come receive the flu vaccinations at any of the local clinics or community health centres (CHCs) from Monday, 6 April 2020,” it said. The call applies to people who have not yet received flu vaccinations. “If you have already received vaccinations, please do not present yourself for this service. The vaccination is not compulsory but encouraged,” said the provincial department.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/gauteng-rolls-out-flu-vaccine>

#### **Traditional health practitioners support government’s fight against COVID-19.**

2020 April 6 SA News

“Contact tracing has received a boost with Traditional Health Practitioners (THPs) joining government efforts to fight COVID-19 (Coronavirus). ... “They presented to me that there are many citizens who consult with them and rely on their traditional herbs and remedies for their ailments. Since the lockdown, these THPs have since not been able to provide these herbal remedies to their patients,” said the Minister in a statement.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/traditional-health-practitioners-support-government%E2%80%99s-fight-against-covid-19>

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## REFUGEES

### *Media Release*

#### **Department of Home Affairs. Home Affairs and Public Works and Infrastructure on relocation of asylum seekers and refugees from Central Methodist Church and streets of Cape Town. 05 April 2020.**

“Thus far we have exercised restraint in the face of extreme provocative press statements attributed to the officials of the City of Cape Town. The removal of the asylum seekers and refugees from the Central Methodist Church and Greenmarket Square has been a subject of two Court judgements issued on 17 February 2020 and 17 March 2020. In all instances, the City of Cape Town failed to enforce its by-laws even after being ordered to do so by the Court. It is this dragging of feet by the City of Cape Town that led to the hearing by the Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs on 10 March 2020.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/home-affairs-and-public-works-and-infrastructure-relocation-asylum-seekers-and-refugees>

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**SAFETY AND SECURITY***Media Release***Western Cape Community Safety. MEC Albert Fritz commends 500 newly deployed law enforcement officers during Coronavirus COVID-19. 06 April 2020.**

“The Minister of Community Safety, Albert Fritz, commends the 500 newly deployed law enforcement officers, appointed through the Western Cape Safety Plan, who are playing a commendable role in supporting the enforcement of the lockdown. The law enforcement officers are supporting SAPS and SANDF as part of a joint effort.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/mec-albert-fritz-commends-500-newly-deployed-law-enforcement-officers-during-coronavirus>

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**TRADE AND INDUSTRY***Government Gazette***Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002**

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**TRANSPORTATION***Media Statement***SAA repatriates Brazilian nationals.**

2020 April 6 SA News

“South African Airways (SAA) has concluded an agreement with the Brazilian government to charter a flight to return Brazilian nationals back to their home country today. “SAA has concluded an agreement with the Brazilian government to charter a SAA flight to return Brazilian nationals to Sao Paulo on 6 April,” said the national carrier in a tweet on Monday. The national carrier expressed pride at being of service in the repatriation.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/saa-repatriates-brazilian-nationals>

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**WATER***Media Statement***Municipalities warned against cutting water to residents.**

2020 April 6 SA News

“Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation Minister Lindiwe Sisulu has appealed to municipalities throughout the country to refrain from abruptly cutting water supply to residents. This she said, deprives residents of their basic human right of access to clean water. The Minister’s appeal comes after the department received thousands of frantic callers complaining about municipalities who have cut off water supply to residents who are in arrears. In some cases, water has been cut for no apparent reason.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/municipalities-warned-against-cutting-water-residents>

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