



## Covid-19 Regulatory Update

08 April 2020

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*

#### **Western Cape Agriculture. MEC Ivan Meyer thanks agricultural sector for continued food production during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 06 April 2020.**

“I want to thank famers and agri workers for embracing the responsibility for not only ensuring that food production continues during the Covid -19 lockdown, but that it is done with due regard to the relevant health and safety measures as per the relevant regulations. This special dispensation was given to producers of food to ensure that our ability to produce food is not compromised. It is an honour that food producers are recognised as being at the core of the survival of our country and we should carry this recognition with responsibility. The recent initiative by Western Cape producers to donate fresh product to FoodForward SA is indeed an act of unselfish solidarity with our fight against Covid 19 and the increasing possibility of hunger amongst the most vulnerable in our society.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-ivan-meyer-thanks-farmers-and-agri-workers-continued-food-production-and-taking>

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## AVIATION

*Government Gazette*

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GN453 GG 43211 p3 7Apr2020

[https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis\\_document/202004/43211gon453.pdf](https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/202004/43211gon453.pdf)

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## COMMUNICATIONS

*Media Release*

### **South African Post Office. South African Post Office on post offices remaining open during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 07 April 2020.**

“More than 500 post office nationally will remain open during the remainder of the lockdown period announced to curb the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Certain branches will close during the week starting on 06 April 2020. In terms of the emergency announcement, the SA Post Office is allowed to conduct certain financial transactions, such as payment of SASSA grants, and to deliver medication during the lockdown period; these are defined as essential services. All branches of the SA Post Office were open during the initial payment period of SASSA grants. Those that now remain open are those that are deemed essential for these transactions.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/certain-post-offices-remain-open-render-essential-services-during-lockdown-7-apr-2020-0000>

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## CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

*Media Releases*

### **Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities. Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane calls on men to stand up and condemn the killing and raping of women and children. 07 April 2020.**

“The Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Maite Nkoana-Mashabane wished to express her disappointment at the continuing killing and raping of women and children and calls on all South African men to stand up and condemn these barbaric and cruel acts. This response arises as two cases of murder were reported over the past weekend. A Willowvale woman was found murdered in her home on Friday, with her 18-month-old baby lying next to her. It is reported that the 47-year-old woman was shot in her upper body. The motive for the killing is still being investigated. Another case is that of a Grade 9 pupil at Aurora Girls' High School from Dobsonville, Soweto who was raped and murdered while running an errand. Her body was found on Friday in a bush at eMndeni Extension in Soweto.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-maite-nkoana-mashabane-calls-men-stand-and-condemn-killing-and-raping-women-and>

### **South African Police Service. SAPS arrest security company owner for contravention of Firearm Control Act. 07 April 2020.**

“The Mpumalanga Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI) together with the Designated Firearm Officer (DFO), Tactical Response Team (TRT) and the Local Criminal Record Centre (LCRC) swiftly responded to information about a suspect who had a number of firearms in his possession. Consequently, an intelligence driven operation was conducted, and the house of the suspect was visited and upon the search, eight different types of firearms were found which were legally attained. However, these firearms were not kept according to the firearm Control Act 60 of 2000, as some of these were not kept in the safe as inclined by the Act.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/deputy-minister-hendrietta-bogopane-zulu-outlines-expansion-services-gbv-during-coronavirus>

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## EDUCATION

*Media Release*

**Western Cape Education. MEC Debbie Schäfer: Reading and educational activities during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 07 April 2020.**

“If I were put on the spot and asked one very simple question: “What is the best education activity a parent can do during lockdown with their children?”, my answer would confidently be: “READING”. The ability to read and write is the foundation on which all further learning is based, and the ability to read for meaning and pleasure is without a doubt the most important skill that children can learn in primary school. So today, I would like to focus on “Quality Reading @ home”, and how simple, pleasurable activities can yield positive educational results for our children, despite the circumstances we now find ourselves in.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/mec-debbie-sch%C3%A4fer-reading-and-educational-activities-during-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown>

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## EMPLOYMENT

*Government Gazette*

**Labour Relations Act, 1995**

National Textile Bargaining Council: Extension to non-parties of the COVID-19 Lockdown Collective Agreement.

RGN452 GG 43210 p3 7Apr2020

[https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis\\_document/202004/43210rg11082gon452.pdf](https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/202004/43210rg11082gon452.pdf)

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## FINANCIAL LAW

*Media Release*

**Department of Tourism. Tourism invites eligible companies to apply for the Coronavirus COVID-19 Tourism Relief Fund. 07 April 2020.**

“The Department of Tourism encourages eligible businesses to apply for the COVID-19 Tourism Relief Fund during the application period from 07 April to 30 May 2020. Established as an intervention to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the tourism sector, the R200 million Tourism Relief Fund provides once-off capped grant assistance to Small Micro and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMMEs) to ensure sustainability during and post the implementation of government measures to curb the spread of Covid-19 in South Africa. “We acknowledge the difficulties experienced by businesses during this time, hence the need to support the industry and communities to cope with the negative effects of this pandemic,” said Minister of Tourism, Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/tourism-invites-eligible-companies-apply-coronavirus-covid-19-tourism-relief-fund-7-apr>

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## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*Media Release*

**Western Cape Economic Development and Tourism. MEC David Maynier launches JUMP App to support businesses in Western Cape. 07 April 2020.**

“We are excited to announce the official launch of the new JUMP for entrepreneurs smartphone app – an innovative one-stop-shop for existing and potential business owners in the Western Cape to get all the resources they need to start, scale and grow their companies. The lockdown is essential to stop the spread of the Coronavirus, but we know that times are tough for business, and that is why, now more than ever, we want to support businesses by giving them trusted information, access to business networks, tools and advice that will not only support them now, but continue to be an invaluable resource for their success into the future. The launch of the JUMP for entrepreneurs as an app couldn’t have come at a better time!”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/mec-david-maynier-launches-jump-app-support-businesses-western-cape-7-apr-2020-0000>

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## LOCKDOWN REGULATIONS

*Media Statement*

**SA Government News Agency. President calls on SA to maintain social distance.**

2020 Apr 7 SA News

“President Cyril Ramaphosa has again emphasised the importance of social distancing in the fight against COVID-19 in South Africa. He has called on South Africans to abide by the regulations that have been published by government during the 21-day lockdown and to take the virus seriously. “In terms of compliance, we are finding that many of our

people throughout the country are abiding by the lockdown and the regulations,” he said during a visit to the Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation COVID-19 Command Centre at Rand Water, in Johannesburg, earlier today.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/president-calls-sa-maintain-social-distance>

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## MEDICAL LAW

### *Media Release*

#### **Western Cape Office of the Premier. Premier Alan Winde day 12 update on Coronavirus COVID-19. 07 April 2020.**

“As at 00h01 on 07 April 2020, the Western Cape had recorded 490 Covid-19 infections.

Sub Districts Cape Town Metro: Western: 153; Southern: 123; Northern: 25; Tygerberg: 36; Eastern: 19; Klipfontein: 21; Mitchells Plain: 7; Khayelitsha: 5. Total: 389. Sub Districts Non-Metro: Garden Route, Bitou: 5; Knysna: 13; 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: 5. As at 12h00 on 07 April 2020, we have 28 people admitted to hospital for Covid-19, with 10 receiving care in ICU. Yesterday, a 57-year old man became the third Western Cape COVID-19 related death. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family and loved ones.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/premier-alan-winde-day-12-update-coronavirus-covid-19-7-apr-2020-0000>

### *Media Statement*

#### **SA Government News Agency. COVID-19 cases rise to 1 749, 13 confirmed deaths.**

2020 Apr 7 SA News

“Health Minister Zweli Mkhize says as of Tuesday, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases is 1 749. “There is also another death, bringing the total to 13 deaths. It was a male who had stage 4 prostate cancer at Parklands Hospital. We convey our condolences to the family of the deceased,” the Minister said during a briefing with the Motsepe Foundation. He said they were concerned about developments at St Augustine’s Hospital. He said 66 people tested positive over the past few days. “About 48 of them are staff. The Provincial department is engaging the hospital, with a view to closing parts of the hospital down.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/covid-19-cases-rise-1-749-13-confirmed-deaths>

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## SAFETY AND SECURITY

### *Media Release*

#### **North West Office of the Premier. Premier Job Mokgoro distributes disinfectants and sanitizers to taxi operators. 07 April 2020.**

“North West Premier, Professor Job Mokgoro has this morning distributed Protective Personal Equipment (PPE), sanitizers, gloves and disinfectants to the taxi operators in Rustenburg. In total, the North West Provincial Government is going to distribute 428 boxes of gloves comprising 100 in each, 8140 masks, concentrated disinfectant chemicals comprising 20 litres which will be over 300 000 litres when diluted. The Premier, once more, emphasized that social distancing is an important element of lockdown.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/premier-job-mokgoro-distributes-disinfectants-and-sanitizers-taxi-operators-7-apr-2020-0000>

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## SOCIAL SECURITY

*Government Gazette*

### **Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002**

Amendment to the 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. Social Development Directives.

Amendment of paragraph 6 of the Directions published in [GN430 GG 43182 of 30 March 2020](#).

RGN455 GG 43213 p3 7Apr2020

[http://www.gpwnline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43213\\_07-04\\_SocialDev.pdf](http://www.gpwnline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43213_07-04_SocialDev.pdf)

*Media Release*

### **South African Social Security Agency. SASSA provides solution to temporary disability grants during Coronavirus Covid-19 lockdown. 06 April 2020.**

“SASSA has provided a solution to temporary disability grants which lapsed or expired in March 2020 resulting in some beneficiaries not being paid. SASSA offices were closed since the lockdown and this posed a challenge for beneficiaries whose grants expired in March and were therefore unable to re-apply at SASSA offices. The payment file for April 2020 payments was extracted before the lockdown was announced, meaning that all temporary disability grants which were due to lapse at the end of March 2020 had already lapsed and were not generated for payment in April. In order to deal with this unintended consequence of the lockdown, SASSA is providing social relief of distress in the form of food parcels to beneficiaries whose disability grants expired in April 2020.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/sassa-statement-lapsed-temporary-disability-grants-during-lockdown-6-apr-2020-0000>

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## TRADE AND INDUSTRY

*Media Release*

### **Department of Small Business Development. Small Business Development on directions to assist SMMEs during the Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 07 April 2020.**

“Minister of Small Business Development (DSBD), Khumbudzo Ntshavheni has, in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) issued Directions aimed at assisting SMMEs operating grocery stores including corner shops, spaza shops, fruit and vegetable stores to comply with the COVID-19 Lockdown Regulations. In terms of the lockdown regulations, all enterprises operating within the boarder of the Republic of South Africa are expected to close during the lockdown period except for enterprises which are designated as providers of essential goods and services as per Annexure (b) to the lockdown regulations.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/small-business-development-directions-assist-smmes-duirng-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-7>

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## TRANSPORTATION

*Government Gazette*

### **Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002**

Amendment of Directions issued in terms of Regulation 10(7) of Regulations made under Section 27(2) of the Act: Measures to Prevent and Combat Spread of COVID-19 in Public Transport Services; and Directions Determining the Extension of the Validity Period of Operating Licence and Accreditation Certification for the Public Transport Operators for purposes of Lockdown (COVID-19). Substitution of Directive 8: Loading capacity of road public transport (sedan, minibus, midibus).

Amends [GN412 published in GG 43157 of 26 March 2020](#) as amended by [GN431 GG 43183 p3 30Mar2020](#) and [GN436 GG 43186 p3 31Mar2020](#)

GN454 GG 43212 p3 7Apr2020

[http://www.gpwnline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43212\\_07-04\\_Transport.pdf](http://www.gpwnline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43212_07-04_Transport.pdf)

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## WATER

*Media Releases*

### **Department of Water and Sanitation. Water and Sanitation on 180 more water tanks supplied in Gauteng to help fight spread of Coronavirus COVID-19. 07 April 2020.**

“The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in Gauteng has accelerated efforts to weaken the offensive of the novel coronavirus with the provision of 180 more water tankers to meet the demand of water-scarce communities across the province. To date, the Department has delivered and installed a total of 1662 water tanks throughout the province. Across the country, the Department is on the frontline to make sure that communities have access to water as a means to enable them put the coronavirus at bay. This intervention, which is collaboration between the Department, Rand Water and municipalities, follows Minister Lindiwe Sisulu’s appeal to prevent needy communities’ bearing the brunt of the virus, which has wreaked havoc worldwide.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/water-and-sanitation-180-more-water-tanks-supplied-gauteng-help-fight-spread-coronavirus>

**The Presidency. President Cyril Ramaphosa visits Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation COVID-19 Command Centre. 07 April 2020.**

“President Cyril Ramaphosa is this morning, 07 April 2020, visiting the Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation COVID-19 Command Centre at Rand Water in Johannesburg, where he will be briefed on the operations of the centre in response to the outbreak. The Command Centre was initiated following from the President’s announcement of the country being in a State of National Disaster due to the onset of the coronavirus, thus the need for urgent responses to the pandemic. The Ministry of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation has been tasked with a responsibility of ensuring that there is water for all communities in order to flatten the curve and to stop the spread of the virus.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-visits-human-settlements-water-and-sanitation-covid-19-command>

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