

Covid-19 Regulatory Update

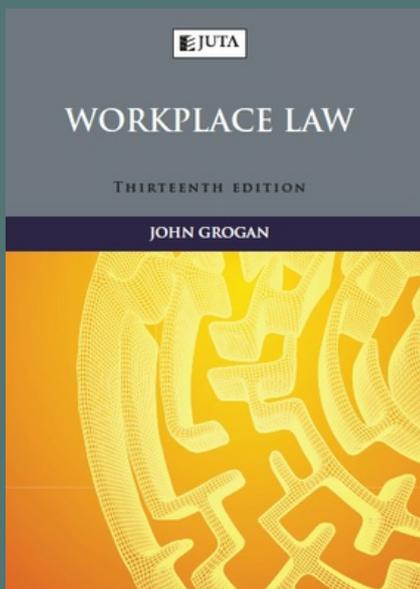
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New: Thirteenth edition Workplace Law by John Grogan



The thirteenth edition of the well-known *Workplace Law* by John Grogan will be available soon.

The publisher's website provides the following information on the book:

"First published in 1996, *Workplace Law* has become one of the most widely used and frequently quoted text books on South African labour law. This 13th edition has been revised and supplemented to incorporate the latest case law, as well as the latest amendments to labour legislation.

Workplace Law provides a complete overview of issues that have arisen and are likely to arise on the shop floor, in court and in arbitration proceedings – from unfair labour practices, through employment equity, dismissal and collective bargaining, to strikes. Students, HR and IR practitioners, lawyers, employers, employees and trade union officials will find this updated, comprehensive and reliable work a convenient and indispensable guide to a complex and fascinating area of law. *Workplace Law* is also available in electronic form in Juta's Labour Law Library, where it is updated quarterly."

The printed edition can be pre-ordered from our Book Supply Service. The price is R895.00 including Vat but excluding delivery. Email books@lexinfo.co.za to order your copy.

CONFIRMED CASES

Reports

National Institute for Communicable Diseases. Covid-19 Daily Report: 23 June 2020.

<https://www.nicd.ac.za/latest-confirmed-cases-of-covid-19-in-south-africa-23-june-2020/>

National Institute for Communicable Diseases. Latest confirmed cases of COVID-19 in South Africa: 23 June 2020.

<https://www.nicd.ac.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/COVID19-Daily-Report-National-Public-23June2020.pdf>

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COURTS

Media Comment

Makinana, Andisiwe. Government has faced 116 legal challenges to lockdown.

2020 Jun 23 TimesLive

“The government has received more than 100 legal challenges against its coronavirus lockdown and regulations since they were introduced almost three months ago.

Co-operative governance & traditional affairs (Cogta) minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma told a plenary session of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) on Tuesday that litigation was one of the challenges the government had to deal with during the fight to contain the spread of the virus.”

<https://www.timeslive.co.za/politics/2020-06-23-government-has-faced-116-legal-challenges-to-lockdown/>

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EDUCATION

Circular

Department of Social Development. Circular regarding preparation and planning for the re-opening of Early Childhood Development programmes and/or Partial Care Facilities that provide an after-school service, subject to the announcement of a date by the Minister of Social Development. 21 June 2020.

https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_documents/ecds-preparation.pdf

Government Gazette

Disaster Management Act No. 57 of 2002

Directions issued by Minister of Basic Education in terms of Regulation 4(3) of the Regulations made under the Act regarding the re-opening of schools and measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in the National Department of Basic Education, and Provincial Departments of Education, and all schools in the Republic of South Africa.

Directions published under [GN302 in GG 43372 of 29 May 2020](#) and amended by [GN304 in GG 43381 of 1 June 2020](#) are withdrawn.

GenN343 GG 43465 p3 23Jun2020.

http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43465_23-6_BasicEdu.pdf

Media Comments

Karrim, Azarrah. Schools reopening: What regulations say on the phased return of pupils.

2020 Jun 23 News24

“Regulations concerning the reopening of schools were gazetted on Tuesday.

It deals with the phased reopening of schools, as well as instructions for the parents of returning pupils.

It says parents must notify the head of department should their children not be returning to school.”

<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/schools-reopening-under-lockdown-what-regulations-say-on-the-phased-return-of-pupils-20200623>

Petersen, Tammy. No date or conditions gazetted yet for crèche reopening.

2020 June 23 News24

<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/no-date-or-conditions-gazetted-yet-for-creche-reopening-20200623>

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LOCKDOWN

Media Comment

Chabalala, Jeanette. 'Lockdown dictator' Dlamini-Zuma's reign to end very soon – LFN.

2020 Jun 23 News24

The article refers to [Democratic Alliance v President of the Republic of South Africa and others. Case no.: 21424/2020. High Court of South Africa, Gauteng Division, Pretoria. 19 June 2020.](#)

- “The Gauteng High Court in Pretoria will hear an application for leave to appeal a judgment that declared various lockdown regulations as unconstitutional.
- The matter will be heard in court on Wednesday at 10:00.
- Liberty Fighters Network says it is not intimidated by Dlamini-Zuma's legal representative, advocate Wim Trengove.”

<https://www.news24.com/news24/SouthAfrica/News/lockdown-dictator-dlamini-zumas-reign-to-an-end-very-soon-lfn-20200623>

Summary of Recent Developments

Saxby, Pam. COVID-19 State of Disaster and Lockdown Regulations: Update (22 June 2020).

[https://pmg.org.za/blog/COVID-19%20State%20of%20Disaster%20and%20Lockdown%20Regulations:%20Update%20\(22%20June%202020\)](https://pmg.org.za/blog/COVID-19%20State%20of%20Disaster%20and%20Lockdown%20Regulations:%20Update%20(22%20June%202020))

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SAFETY AND SECURITY

Internet Article

Burger, Johan and Zinn, Rudolph. Lifting lockdown: A double-edged sword for public safety?

2020 Jun 23 ISS Today

“South Africa's first levels of lockdown substantially reduced violent crime, making it one of the few countries in the world to record fewer deaths overall as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic in that period. But what are the likely long-term effects of the pandemic and our responses to it? After a brief reprieve, could South Africa face even higher crime levels than before the pandemic struck?”

<https://issafrika.org/iss-today/lifting-lockdown-a-double-edged-sword-for-public-safety>

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TOBACCO

Media Comment

Legal battle over ban on sale of cigarettes drags on as online petition gains momentum.

2020 Jun 23 IOL

“The court battle over the ban on the sale of tobacco products was dealt a setback late last week when lawyers for British American Tobacco South Africa (BAT SA) and Japan Tobacco International (JTI) were informed that the Western Cape High Court would not hear their case this week as they had originally requested.

The lawyers acting for BAT SA and JTI were informed on the 18th of June by the registrar for Western Cape Judge President John Hlophe that while their request for the case to be heard before three judges had been granted, the matter was initially set down for the first week in August but has “been brought forward, hopefully to the 30th of June,” said Bev Maclean, the Gauteng woman who has been campaigning relentlessly for the ban to be lifted.”

<https://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/legal-battle-over-ban-on-sale-of-cigarettes-drags-on-as-online-petition-gains-momentum-49804716>

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