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Dear Members

Transport Regulation Update

On 20th May 2020, a Government Notice issued by the Minister of Transport GG 43339, provided further directions in terms of Regulation 4 (7) of the Regulations made under Section 27 (2) of the Act. It covered measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 with respect to: Determination of the extension for the validity period of Learners' Licence; Driving Licence Card; Licence Disc; Professional Driving Permit and Registration of a Vehicle during the lockdown period.

The Minister, in the above mentioned gazette dealt with specific directions for the opening of registering authorities, vehicle test stations, driving licence centres and driving schools.

He mandated that operations may resume with effect from 1st June 2020 provided that all these institutions have issued the necessary preventative measures to combat the spread of COVID-19. He provided a list of measures required for all these facilities to be compliant to COVID-19 Safety Protocols, including the necessary hygiene and sanitation requirements as well as social distancing requirements. These requirements are especially pertinent to public establishments where long queues of people wait to be served.

Validity period of licences

In terms of the Gazette, all licenses and roadworthy certificates, as well as learners', driving and temporary drivers' licences, that expire during the period starting on 26 March and ending on 31 May 2020, are deemed to be valid and their validity period is further extended by 90 days as from 1 June 2020.

For Motor Dealers and those who use Trade Plates, these are also deemed to be valid in the same way, but their validity period is extended for a further grace period of 6 months from the date of publication of these directions (6 months from 20 May 2020).