



**THE NATIS (NATIONAL TRAFFIC INFORMATION SYSTEM)
ONLINE BOOKING SERVICES LAUNCH KEY NOTE
ADDRESS BY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, DR
BONGINKOSI EMMANUEL NDZIMANDE, MP, HELD AT THE
DRIVER LEARNER TEST CENTRE (DLTC), CENTURION**

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Programme Director

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Gauteng MEC for Roads and Transport, Dr Ismail Vadi;

*Tshwane MMC of Roads and Transport, Cllr Sheila Lynn
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The RTMC Board led by the Chairperson Mr Zola Majavu;

*Acting Director-General of the Department of Transport, Mr.
Chris Hlabisa;*

RTMC Executive led by CEO, Advocate Makhosini Msibi;

Heads of Provincial Departments of Transport,

*Officials from the National Department of Transport, the
Provincial Department of Roads and Transport, RTMC, and the
City of Tshwane;*

Members of the media,

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a sense of honour and privilege to join you today to launch and celebrate this remarkable, ground-breaking and game changing online drivers' license and related service booking service.

As the Department of Transport, we have embraced technology and innovation as cutting-edge in delivering our services.

Throughout history, technology has been a driving force of change. As a department, we have indeed embraced and incorporated it into our daily lives and operational system.

Correctly so, within the constructs of a civilized society, the vast rewards of technological innovations far outweighed negative consequences.

This digital revolution alters conceptions of time and distance. It also creates a wealth of information that is available at the stroke of a key.

To demonstrate our commitment to research and innovation, I will be announcing a team of imminent professionals who will be forming part of the Panel of Transport Experts, to advise me

on strengthening the role of all the modes of transport in the social and economic development of our country.

This includes our continuous engagements with institution of higher learning and research institutions to share their body of knowledge on transport matters with us.

We will also move swiftly with our desire to create transport innovation hubs, which will serve as our source of reference and knowledge so that we build future capacities on this important economic enabler.

I have commenced with a process of restructuring the department to improve our capacity for planning, innovation, skills development as well as improving oversight, monitoring and support for our entities.

During my Budget Vote Address this year in May, I indicated that we have intensified our Anti-Fraud and Corruption operations at the public and private Driver Learning Testing Centres and driving schools.

This Online Booking Service will ensure that we further advance our commitment to ethical behaviour and ethical leadership by fighting crime and corruption.

This online platform will accelerate our efforts to apprehend unscrupulous individuals involved in corrupt activities at our Driver Learning Testing Centres and driving schools.

We will continue to arrest law enforcement officers, examiners, and public members who continue to demean the decorum of the law enforcement fraternity.

Dr Vadi, through various intergovernmental platforms, including MinMEC, together we must encourage Transport MECs to embrace this innovation and ensure that it is implemented throughout the country.

Whilst we are launching this innovation in Gauteng, the service will largely assist rural communities, the poor and the working class.

In most of the rural areas of our country, there are no DLTCs and in others, they are not easily accessible.

Being able to book appointments online will ensure that these communities save their hard-earned money and use it for other pressing household commitments.

As Members of the public, they will only travel to the DLTC for licence tests.

The service will also reduce the long queues that are currently experience in some DLTCs, particularly in high density and urban towns.

Ladies and gentlemen

The launch of this NaTIS Online Pre-Booking Service is the first phase in a range of offerings.

Other online services that will be launched include the Online Motor Vehicle Registration, the online payment of infringements/traffic contraventions, and the Online reservation of personalized licence number plates.

We are also developing the online payment gateway that will allow payments to be processed online. We are indeed moving with the times.

Whilst it is important to encourage the public to use this online platform, we will continue to services to members of the public who do not have access to the internet and electronic devices, or those who have phobia to technological advancements. As a

result, members of the public will be welcomed to lodge their bookings directly at the DLTCs.

Ladies and gentlemen

I am assured by the RTMC that the implementation of this system will not result in jobs losses both in the short and long term.

Positively, the DLTC staff will now be able to render improved and speedy services to the public when visiting DLTCs.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The main contributory factor to road fatalities relates to human behaviour. This costs the country more than R16 billion annually.

In this respect, I wish to encourage the SOEs, in particular those that deal with Roads, Public Transport and Rail to work together and find solutions that will result in the reduction of fatalities on our roads.

We will continue to encourage and foster relationships with various stakeholders in government and in the private sector to

reduce this calamity of road crashes. This includes finding technological and innovative ways to improve our road safety record. We call upon motorists and all South Africans to ensure that they always observe the rules of the law.

In conclusion, I am looking forward to the implementation of this ground-breaking innovation with great deal of excitement and enthusiasm.

Thank You

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