MINISTER FIKILE MBALULA SPEAKING NOTES ON DETERMINATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICES AND EXTENSION FOR VALIDITY PERIOD OF LEARNER’S LICENCES, DRIVING LICENCE CARDS, LICENCE DISCS, PROFESSIONAL DRIVING PERMITS AND REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

On the 20th of May, I as a Minister responsible for Transport, in terms of regulation 4(7) of the Regulations issued in terms of the Disaster Management Act, issued directions related to the commencement of services and extension for the validity period of Learner’s Licence, Driving Licence cards, licence disks, professional driving permits and registration of motor vehicles.

The purpose of the directions is to provide for—

(a) improved access and hygiene and, disinfection control on all premises of driving licence testing centres, registering authorities, vehicle testing stations and driving schools;
(b) the validity period of licences; and
(c) the resumption of services at driving licence testing centres, registering authorities, vehicle testing stations and driving schools.

4. Application of directions

These directions are applicable to—

(a) all holders of learner’s licences, driver’s licences, temporary driver’s licences, motor vehicle licence discs, temporary permits, roadworthy certificates and professional driving permits issued in terms of the Act; and
(b) all driving licence testing centres, registering authorities, vehicle testing stations and driving schools.

5. Provision of improved access and hygiene, disinfection control on driving licence testing centres, registering authorities, vehicle testing stations and driving schools

(1) All driving licence testing centres, registering authorities, vehicle testing stations and driving schools must, prior to the commencement of their service on 1 June 2020, put in place procedures for the cleaning and disinfection of their premises.
(2) All driving licence testing centres, registering authorities, vehicle testing stations and driving schools must put measures in place to adhere to social distancing to curb the spread of COVID-19.

(3) All driving licence testing centres, registering authorities, vehicle testing stations and driving schools must sanitize or provide hygiene dispensers for the washing of hands for their clients when entering their premises.

(4) No person is allowed to enter a driving licence testing centre, registering authority, vehicle testing station or driving school if they do not wear a cloth face mask, or a homemade mask that covers the nose and mouth.

6. Validity period of licences

(1) All learner’s licences, driving licences, temporary driver’s licences, motor vehicle licence discs, temporary permits, roadworthy certificates and professional driving permits that expire during the period that commenced from 26 March 2020 up to and including 31 May 2020 are deemed to be valid and their validity period is further extended with 90 days form the 01 June 2020.

(2) Motor trade number licences that expire during the period that commenced from 26 March 2020 up to and including 31 May 2020, are deemed to be valid and are extended for a further grace period of six months from the date of publication of these directions.

7. Resumption of services

Driving licence testing centres, registering authorities, vehicle testing stations and driving schools will resume their services with effect from 1 June 2020, subject to the hygiene, disinfection control, social distancing and sanitizing measures contemplated in direction 5.