

Media Statement

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CREECY WIDENS THE NET ON HER MISSION TO SCRAP UNVERIFIED TRAFFIC REGISTER NUMBERS

PRETORIA: The Minister of Transport, Ms Barbara Creecy, has widened the net and doubled down in her mission to clean up the Traffic Register Number (TRN) data by instructing the Department to introduce Phase 1B which involves the rest of the TRNs issued to natural persons during the period 1 January 2000 to 30 June 2023, that requires verification.

Creecy's doubling down on TRNs comes amid her consultation with the MECs of Transport, which took place a month ago; where an executive decision was taken to cancel Traffic Register Numbers (TRNs) certificates that are unverified by holders within 60 days. This was based on a comprehensive joint verification exercise conducted by the Department and the Department of Home Affairs that confirmed certain TRNs (**not all**) issued from 1 January 2000 to 30 June 2023 requires verification. Phase 1A of this process involved cleaning up the dormant records.

BRIEF HISTORY OF TRNs

The Traffic Register Numbers were created under the National Road Traffic Act, 93 of 1996, and Regulation 335 to enable persons who do not have a South African identity

number to transact on NaTIS for lawful transport-related purposes, including vehicle registration, licensing, and driving licence-related transactions.

NOTICE BY DEPARTMENT

A formal notice has been issued by the Department and published in the Departmental official **website**: <https://www.transport.gov.za> , listing the remaining unverified TRNs for natural persons obtained during the period of 1 January 2000 and 30 June 2023. The website also provides a portal that TRN holders who obtained their TRNs between 1 January 2000 and 30 June 2023 can use to query their TRN status.

The notice was issued in accordance with Section 3 of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act (PAJA), 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000), which requires procedurally fair administrative action for all affected persons.

PROCESS FOR VERIFICATION

Holders of the TRNs that appear on the list are requested within 60 (sixty) days from the publication of the PAJA Notice, to submit their intent to be verified in the following manner;

1. Check their status on the portal on <https://www.transport.gov.za>.
2. Should your TRN number not appear on the published list you are not part of this verification process.
3. Should the holder's TRN number appear on the published list, (s)he must follow the directions to register on the application to retain the TRN on <https://www.natis.gov.za> and select the TRN verification option.
4. On TRN verification site, they need to follow the steps to provide all the information required in the following fields:
 - 4.1 TRN Number
 - 4.2 Surname
 - 4.3 Initials
 - 4.4 Name/s
 - 4.5 Mobile Number
 - 4.6 Email Address
 - 4.7 Date of Birth

- 4.8 Passport Number
- 4.9 Country of Passport
- 4.10 Permit Type (e.g. Visa, ZEP, Permanent Residence etc)
- 4.11 Visa or Permit Document number
- 4.12 Address

5. Once the information is successfully submitted, a holder will receive a reference number. If the email is provided, holders will also receive reference numbers via email as well.

6. Their information will be submitted to the Department of Home Affairs.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

TRN holders that registered within the required 60 (sixty) days will be informed by the Department of Home Affairs of arrangements for verification.

ROLE OF HOME AFFAIRS

The TRNs are issued to foreign nationals on the basis of a passport and other documentation authorised by the Department of Home Affairs (DHA), which grants the person the right to stay in the country on temporary basis. TRN numbers that cannot be successfully verified by the Department of Home Affairs will be cancelled.

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