

Automatic extension to driver's and car licences

Under the new transport regulations that came into effect on Monday, 30 March 2020, any car or driver's licence that expires during South Africa's national lockdown will remain valid.

Transport minister, Fikile Mbalula, in terms of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996, has extended the licensing and registration period as set out hereunder:

a) During the lockdown, the validity period for learner's licence, driving licence, motor vehicle licence disk, temporary
permit, professional driving permit and roadworthy certificates shall be deemed to be valid and shall be extended for a
further grace period of 30 days from the date of expiry of a lockdown period, unless determined otherwise by the
Minister.



• b) The validity period for the renewal of a motor trade number licence during the lockdown shall be deemed to be valid and shall be extended for a further grace period of six(6) months from the date of expiry of a lockdown period, unless determined otherwise by the Minister.

• c) Driving licence testing centres and vehicle testing stations will remain closed during lockdown period.

NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1996

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DETERMINATION OF EXTENTION FOR THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF A
LEARNER'S LICENCE, DRIVING LICENCE CARD, LICENCE DISC
,PROFESSIONAL DRIVING PERMIT AND REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR
VEHICLE: FOR PURPOSES OF LOCKDOWN (COVID-19)

- I, Fikile Mbalula, MP, Minister of Transport, acting in terms of section 18 (7) of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No. 93 of 1996), hereby extend the licensing and registration period as set out hereunder:
 - a) During the lock-down, the validity period for learner's licence, driving licence, motor vehicle licence disk, temporary permit, professional driving permit and road worthy certificates shall be deemed to be valid and shall be extended for a further grace period of 30 days from the date of expiry of a lock-down period, unless determined otherwise by the Minister.
 - b) The validity period for the renewal of a motor trade number licence during the lock-down, shall be deemed to be valid and shall be extended for a further grace period of 6 months from the date of expiry of a lock-down period, unless determined otherwise by the Minister.
 - Driving licence testing centres and vehicle testing stations will remain closed during lock-down period.

This Notice shall become effective from the date of publication in the Government Gazette.

MR F.A. MBALULA, MP MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

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