

Alert level 3

Movement between provinces

Movement of persons between provinces is prohibited, except for-

- (a) persons doing so in the course of carrying out work responsibilities or performing any service permitted under Alert Level 3, provided that such person is in possession of a permit issued by the employer;
- (b) persons travelling for purposes of-
 - (i) moving to a new place of residence; or
 - (ii) caring for an immediate family member: Provided that such person is in possession of an affidavit;
- (c) members of Parliament performing oversight responsibilities;
- (d) learners or students who have to commute to and from those schools or institutions of higher learning during periods when those schools or institutions are permitted to operate;
- (e) the attendance of funerals;
- (f) the transportation of mortal remains;
- (g) obtaining medical treatment;
- (h) persons who are returning to their place of residence from a quarantine or isolation facility; or
- (i) any movement permitted under regulation 41.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

(1) During the national state of disaster all borders of the Republic must be closed, except for ports of entry designated by the Cabinet member responsible for home affairs, for

- (a) the transportation of fuel, cargo and goods; and
- (b) humanitarian operations, repatriations, evacuations, medical emergencies, movement of staff of diplomatic and international organisations and other exceptions as may be determined by the relevant Cabinet member by directions.

(2) The Cabinet member responsible for home affairs, or a person designated by him or her, may allow entry into or exit from the Republic for-

- (a) emergency medical attention for a life-threatening condition;
- (b) the evacuation of a South African national or permanent resident to the Republic;
- (c) the repatriation of a foreign national to his or her country of nationality or permanent residence;
- (d) the return of a South African national or permanent resident to his or her place of employment, study or residence, outside the Republic; or
- (e) daily commuters from neighbouring countries who attend school in the Republic, and who are allowed entry and exit into and from the Republic, subject to compliance with protocols relating to-
 - (i) screening for COVID-19 and quarantine or isolation, where necessary;
 - (ii) wearing of a cloth face mask or a homemade item that covers the nose and mouth when in a public place, or another appropriate item to cover the nose and mouth;
 - (iii) transportation; and
 - (iv) sanitisation and social distancing measures as per the relevant health protocols on safety and prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

- (3) (a) A foreign tourist who arrived in the Republic prior to the period of lockdown, which ended on 30 April 2020, and who remained in the Republic-
 - (i) must remain in his or her place of temporary residence until otherwise determined by the Cabinet member responsible for international relations and cooperation; and
 - (ii) may be subject to screening for COVID-19 and be quarantined or isolated, as required.
- (b) The evacuation of foreign tourists may be allowed where arrangements, including an arrangement for evacuation by air charter, have been made by the relevant embassy: Provided that a tourist who is escorted to the point of exit may be screened again.

MARITIME TRANSPORT

Movement of cargo from our sea-ports to its final destination is allowed. Similarly, full operations for the port of Mossel Bay and port of Saldanha Bay for movement of Cargo will be permitted. Furthermore, allowance will be made for South African registered seafarers to embark and disembark ships with a mandatory quarantine for those returning. To this extent, the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) shall be directed to issue a Marine Notice to this effect.

AVIATION

All international passenger flights are prohibited except those flights authorised by the Minister of Transport.

Limited domestic air travel for business purposes will be allowed, subject to restrictions on the number of flights per day and authorization based on the reason for travel. The availability of port health services will also guide the scheduling of flights. The resumption of domestic flights will be rolled out in three phases.

Guided by these considerations, commercial aircraft movement will be allowed from these airports:

- OR Tambo International Airport
- Cape Town International Airport
- King Shaka International Airport, and
- Lanseria International Airport

Domestic passenger flights are permitted from these airports:

- Bram Fischer International Airport
- Cape Town International Airport
- East London Airport
- George Airport
- Kimberley Airport
- King Shaka International Airport
- Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport
- Lanseria International Airport
- OR Tambo International Airport
- Pietermaritzburg Airport
- Port Elizabeth International Airport
- Richardsbay Airport
- Skukuza Airport; and
- Upington International Airport.

All aerial work to conduct the following will be permitted from 01 July 2020:

- (a) agricultural spraying, seeding and dusting;
- (b) cloud spraying, seeding and dusting;
- (c) culling;
- (d) construction;
- (e) aerial harvesting;
- (f) aerial patrol, observation and survey;
- (g) aerial advertisement, including banner towing and other towing of objects;
- (h) search and rescue;
- (i) parachuting;
- (j) aerial recording by photographic or electronic means;
- (k) fire spotting, control and fighting; and
- (l) spraying, seeding or dusting other than for agricultural purposes and clouds.

General Aviation is permitted for the following purposes:

- (a) Approved Regional re-positioning flights for all South African and foreign registered aircraft into and from South Africa for return after maintenance and repair, to perform maintenance and repair or to continue with contractual work within South Africa or foreign countries within the region;
- (b) Exchanging of crew members operating in foreign countries as and when required; and
- (c) Transporting of aviation technicians, mechanics and engineers internationally for essential support and assistance to aircraft.
- (d) Proficiency flights provided that the flight is authorised by the South African Civil Aviation Authority and remains within the general flying area, airfield or airport boundaries.
- (e) Recreational aviation is permitted for proficiency flights provided that the flight is authorised by the South African Civil Aviation Authority and remains within the general flying area, airfield or airport boundaries.

Airports

Limited domestic air travel also means that flights will only be allowed to depart and land at selected airports in a phased manner as earlier explained.

Only passengers will be allowed inside the terminal buildings. Therefore, no accompanying members of the public will be allowed inside the terminal buildings.

Temperature screening will be conducted at the terminal building entrances, before any passenger is allowed entry.

No passengers will be allowed inside the terminal buildings without masks.

At boarding gates, boarding will be staggered and prioritized in terms of the number of passengers to board. Sectional boarding will be implemented to avoid unnecessary contact inside the aircraft.

Inside the cabin, full capacity will be allowed. It must be noted that the risk of COVID-19 infection onboard a commercial passenger airliner is lower than in many other confined spaces. All our commercial aircrafts are fitted with the High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters. These are manufactured to the same standard as those used in hospital operating theatres and industrial clean rooms, with the same efficacy of 99.97% in removing viruses.

While the total air supply inside the cabin is essentially sterile and particle free, the biggest risk is if someone enters or remains in that environment, while unwell with a viral infection. This risk will be mitigated through the adoption of effective sanitization and personal hygiene protocols.

The following measures will apply inside the cabin of the aircraft:

- no catering will be allowed;
- no magazines on board;
- the last row will be reserved for isolation of suspected cases.

All aircrafts must be disinfected before entering into service and after each flight;

Loading capacity for all airport buses must be limited to 70%. These buses must be disinfected after off-loading. Drivers, baggage handlers and ground handlers must be fully equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

On arrival, all passengers must be screened as they enter the terminal building. Suspected cases must be referred to Port Health.

RAIL

When we presented Level 4 Directions, we indicated that commuter rail will resume operations gradually on an incremental basis, based on detailed plans submitted by operators. Indeed, the Gautrain resumed its operations at the beginning of May 2020. As on 1 June 2020, the Gautrain will resume the airport service.

We have concluded that PRASA is not ready to resume with the Metrorail commuter service. We have therefore revised our timelines in respect of the resumption of the Metrorail commuter service. The revised target date is now 1 July 2020, on the following lines:

- Pretoria to Pienaarspoort;
- Cape Town to Simonstown;
- East London to Berlin; and
- Port Elizabeth to Uitenhage

Long distance trains remain prohibited.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Every person is confined to his or her place of residence from 21H00 until 04H00 daily, except where a person has been granted a permit, which corresponds with Form 2 of Annexure A, to perform a service permitted under Alert Level 3, or is attending to a security or medical emergency. ([Gazette 43521 of 12 July 2020](#))

With the increase in the number of people returning to work and learners and students returning to institutions of learning, long distance public transport crossing Provincial, Metropolitan or District boundaries is permitted to operate. The condition for such operation is that public transport vehicles are only permitted to transport persons permitted to travel between Provinces in terms of the Regulations.

Such travel is only restricted to:

- Persons undertaking work responsibilities or performing a service permitted under Alert Level 3, provided they are in possession of the requisite permit.
- Persons moving to a new place of residence;

- Persons caring for an immediate family member;
- Learners or students who have to commute to and from those schools or institutions of higher learning during periods when those schools or institutions are permitted to operate.
- Attendance of funerals;
- Transportation of mortal remains;
- Obtaining medical treatment;
- Persons returning to their place of residence from a quarantine or isolation facility;
- Movement of children; and
- Members of Parliament performing oversight responsibilities.

Bus and taxi services may operate under the following conditions:

- (a) May not carry more than 70% of the licensed capacity for long distance intra-provincial and permitted inter-provincial travel; and
- (b) may carry 100% of the licensed capacity for any trip not regarded as long distance travel.

Capacity restrictions:

- eHailing and Metred Taxis remain at 50% loading capacity
- Shuttle, Chauffeur and Charter services remain at 50% loading capacity.