

EXTRACTS & INSIGHTS FROM DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT REGULATIONS

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Key Definitions (summarised)

“essential goods” listed below

“essential services” listed below (plus those in terms of the Labour Relations Act)

“gathering” means any assembly or procession on a public road or in any other building, place or premises, including wholly or partly in the open air, and including but not limited to, any premises or place used for any sporting, entertainment, funeral, recreational, religious or cultural purposes

(the limit of 100 people falls away as no gatherings at all are permitted)

“lockdown” means the restriction of movement of person during the lockdown period

“movement” means entering or leaving a place of residence

Restriction on the movement of persons and goods

- Every person is confined to his or her place of residence unless strictly for the purpose of performing an essential service, obtaining an essential good or service (see below), collecting a social grant, or seeking emergency, life-saving or chronic medical attention
- Every gathering as defined is hereby prohibited except for a funeral as provided (maximum of 50 people permitted to be present but no night vigils, after-events, etc.)
- Movement between provinces is prohibited
- Movement between metropolitan and district areas is prohibited
- Retail shopping and shopping malls to be closed, except where essential goods are sold
- Retail stores selling essential goods are prohibited from selling any other goods
- Any place not involved in the provision of essential goods or services must remain closed to all persons
- All public places (see list below) to be closed to the public except for security personnel and maintenance services

Prohibition of public transport

- All commuter services (rail, bus, taxi, e-hailing, boats, air, etc.) prohibited except bus, taxi, e-hailing (Uber, etc.) and private motor vehicles, for:
 - rendering essential services
 - obtaining essential goods (e.g. shopping)
 - seeking medical attention
 - funeral services
 - to receive payment of grants
- Vehicles to only carry 50% of licenced capacity (e.g. 5-seater car to carry only 2 people including driver)

Important note:

In the Ministers' media briefing on 25/3/2020, it was stated that the above public transport will be restricted to operating between **05:00 and 09:00** and later from **16:00 to 21:00**. Obviously if a person uses a taxi or uber at midday for a medical emergency that would be a reasonable explanation for the authorities.

You may use your private motor vehicle at any time of the day but only for the specified purposes above

You should therefore not be out driving your car before or after supermarkets are open/closed, unless:

- for a medical emergency
- to travel to/from work as an essential services worker
- or to buy petrol (staying at home is much more fun than going to buy petrol)

Offences & penalties

- Fine and/or up to 6 months imprisonment

ESSENTIAL GOODS**Food**

- Any food product, including non-alcoholic beverages
- Animal food (e.g. pet food)

Cleaning & hygiene products

- Toilet paper, sanitary pads, tampons, condoms
- Hand sanitiser, disinfectants, soap, Alcohol for industrial use, household cleaning products, and personal protective equipment

Medical

- medical and hospital supplies, equipment and personal protective equipment

Fuel - such as petrol, including coal & gas

Basic goods - including airtime & electricity

Note:

- You will not be permitted to do *general shopping* in a supermarket
- You will NOT be able to buy items such as cigarettes, clothing, toothbrushes, stationary, charcoal, cosmetics, kitchen utensils etc. etc. – only those items falling within the scope of the above lists

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

A list of 28 types of services – please contact Hilton for a copy of the full list.

PLACES AND PREMISES CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

- any place or premises normally open to the public where religious, cultural, sporting, entertainment, recreational, exhibition, organisational or similar activities may take place
- any place or premises normally open to the public where goods other than essential goods are procured, acquired, disposed of or sold

- any place or premises normally open to the public **such as** (not limited to the following):
 - public parks, beaches and swimming pools
 - flea markets
 - open-air food markets
 - fetes and bazaars
 - nightclubs
 - casinos
 - hotels, lodges and guesthouses except where they are accommodating remaining tourists
 - private and public game reserves except where they are accommodating remaining tourists
 - holiday resorts except where they are accommodating remaining tourists
 - on-consumption premises, including taverns, etc. where liquor is sold
 - off-consumption premises, including bottle stores, where liquor is sold
 - theatres and cinemas
 - shopping malls and centres (excluding grocery stores and pharmacies)
 - taxi ranks, bus depots, train stations, and airports

NOTES

- All municipal water, sanitation & waste removal services will continue
- Places such as libraries, museums, public parks, etc will be closed to the public
- You **may not** go for a walk, jog, walk the dog, etc. in public i.e. on the road, in a park, etc.
- You **may not** go out “for a drive” unless it is for the above stated purposes
- You **may not** visit neighbours or others’ homes for dinner, a braai, a smoke or a general chat, etc.
- You **may not** go for a stroll on the beach
- Your order from Takealot **will not** be delivered to you during the lockdown

REMEMBER

- There is no need to panic
- Practice hygiene when you go out, when you return and while at home
- An opportunity for contemplation, self-reflection and re-prioritising
- Connect and engage with your family
- What we learn from these experiences?
- Stay active at home
- Saving lives is what the lockdown is all about