

29 April 2020

Ministers' Briefing – Move to Level 4 Lockdown From 1 May 2020

Dear everyone

We distributed a summary of the changes between Level 5 and Level 4 on 25 April. Therefore, only those items which have changed or are in addition to those listed in this earlier publication, are listed below.

The Regulations gazetted on 29 April repealed all previous National Disaster Regulations and contain an up to date version of the full Regulations, as well as the detailed list of sectors and activities permitted to operate in Level 4. It is a lengthy and detailed document, so the list below contains summarised key additions.

Should you have a specific query about your business or sector, please contact Hilton Green on 082 802 9894 or by email at hilton@hgconsult.co.za

Industry opening measures

- Covid-19 Compliance Officer to be appointed by all businesses returning to operation or already operating in L4
- Company to be Covid19-ready for employees, visitors, deliveries, etc.
- If businesses don't maintain hygiene etc. protocols there is a risk of business closure later on due to infections
- Employees to return to the workplace in a phased manner
- Employers to have a Covid-19 Plan
- The Department of Labour has published *workplace OHS measures* that need to be in place prior to and during business operations, for the duration of the National State of Disaster

Children

- Allowed to travel back to their homes
- Co-parenting movement also allowed

Exercise:

- People can cycle, run or walk but only within their neighbourhood i.e. 5km radius of their homes
- No organised exercise groups
- Only permitted between 06:00 and 09:00 daily (3 hours)

Curfew

- Between 8pm & 5am people must be at home unless in possession of a permit or attending to security or medical emergency

Inter-Provincial movement

- Any person who was not at their place of residence before the lockdown, will be permitted on a once-off basis, to return home

Wholesale & retail

- Hardware components & supplies open to the public not only tradespersons
- Wider range of personal care products can be purchased

Financial & business services

- Car sales permitted under specific directions (no further detail)
- Chauffeur services, motor vehicle rental, driven vehicles, machinery & equipment & goods to support other L4 services
- Other professional services, only where work-from-home is not possible, and only in support of L4 services

Information technology Services

- For all private & business customers

Ports of entry

- Still closed except for movement of goods as specified

Public transport

- Buses & rail services will also open but under strict conditions
- All agricultural products can move to ports for export, e.g. wine, wool, etc.
- Export of liquor will be permitted

Gatherings

- Places where people gather, public parks, beaches, flea markets, etc. still not permitted

Restaurants & sale of hot cooked food

- No hot cooked food can be purchased in stores
- Only deliver of foods permitted – no sit-down or pick up
- Deliveries only between 09:00 to 19:00

Alcohol

- No alcohol sales, purchases or transportation permitted

Tobacco products

- No cigarettes, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, etc. may be sold (a reversal of what was initially proposed)

Agriculture

- Sardine run – directions to be given on how this will be managed
- Bee-keeping can now operate and obtain permission to operate at night
- Seasonal workers can be employed but no inter-provincial movement – must be from local area

Postal & courier services

- Permitted for all L4 services

Private households' employment

- Live-in staff and staff providing care to children, the sick, mentally ill, elderly and disabled persons

Education

- Details not yet finalised

Note: Regulations do not refer to registered tradespersons so those who are not formally qualified may work but only in relation to emergency maintenance and repairs

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