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GUIDANCE NOTE

ESSENTIAL SERVICES CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY CIPC

President Cyril Ramaphosa announced on 27 June 2021 that South Africa will move to an **adjusted level 4 lockdown** with effect from Monday, 28 June 2021 until 11 July 2021, after which the *status quo* of the country regarding the delta variant of COVID-19 will be assessed and the lockdown level reviewed.

The Regulations applicable to adjusted alert level 4 lockdown was published by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, in the Government Gazette (with number 44772), dated 27 June 2021.

Regulation 30 of the published regulations specifically states as follows:

“(1) Business may operate except for those set out in Table 1.”

Table 1 of the Regulations indicate that South Africans are allowed to perform **any type of work outside the home**, and be able to travel freely for work purposes. It is important to note that the adjusted alert level 4, does not contain the same restrictions as alert level 4 that South Africa was placed under in 2020. Thus, the CIPC essential services certificate **DOES NOT** constitute a permit or permission to provide essential services or goods, and it is not necessary to have such a certificate or a permit under the current adjusted level 4 restrictions.

Should any provinces, districts or metropolitan areas, move back to alert level 4 or even level 5, CIPC will be guided by the President, the Minister of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs and the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition regarding the existence of any need to issue an essential services certificate via the CIPC platforms.

Any changes to the current *status quo* will be communicated to the public forthwith.

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