



Companies and Intellectual  
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### **CIPC INTRODUCES ENHANCEMENTS TO B-BBEE CERTIFICATE (AFFIDAVIT) FOR EMERGING MICRO ENTERPRISES (EMEs)**

The Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC), in collaboration with *the dtic*, is pleased to announce the introduction of enhancements onto its Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) registration platforms. The enhancements, which will be implemented on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2025, at 20h00, include the introduction of Sector Charter Councils, the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes, the distinction between South African Black and permanent non-South African Black and B-BBEE certificate for Co-operatives.

The Sector Charter Councils develop sector specific B-BBEE Codes aligned to the B-BBEE Generic Codes of Good Practice and monitor the implementation of the sector code by all stakeholders in the sector. They are required to compile annual reports on the status of transformation in their respective sectors. All measured entities must submit B-BBEE certificates, reports and/or affidavits to the Sector Charter Councils. The Sector Charter Councils are significant in ensuring that B-BBEE initiatives advance sustainable transformation within their respective sector.

On the other hand, the SIC codes are important in determining the specific B-BBEE sector codes of Good Practice that apply to a business. The sector codes provide specific and relevant targets and requirements for B-BBEE compliance within an industry. Businesses must comply with the B-BBEE requirements relevant to their sector code.

In 2014 the CIPC, under the shared compact with *the dtic* BEE Unit began to issue B-BBEE certificates (Affidavit) via its [eservices website](#), the [Bizportal](#) and at the [CIPC Self Service Terminals](#). Customers could apply for a B-BBEE certificate on these sites when registering for business, filing annual returns or as stand-alone.

In keeping with the Amended Codes of Good Practice, issued in terms of Section 9 of the B-BBEE Act 53 of 2003 as amended, the CIPC only provides B-BBEE certificates to Exempted Micro Enterprises (EMEs). These are businesses with turnover (actual or projected) of not more than R10 million.

Business entities who fall under the EME category but are unable to apply for a B-BBEE Certificate e.g., due to at least one foreign director/member, can complete an affidavit and obtain the signature of a commissioner of oaths. Once an affidavit has been stamped by a commissioner of oaths, the affidavit serves as a B-BBEE certificate.

For terms and conditions of applying for a B-BBEE certificate via the CIPC, customers are advised to visit the CIPC Websites; [www.cipc.co.za](http://www.cipc.co.za) or [www.bizportal.gov.za](http://www.bizportal.gov.za). It is imperative that all companies and close corporations ensure compliance with the B-BBEE legislation. Applying for B-BBEE certificate (Affidavit) with incorrect information is an offence and can result in legal action by the BEE Commission.



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**Advocate Rory Voller**

**Commissioner: CIPC**

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