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"RENEW AND COMPLY" AS THE FESTIVE SEASON APPROACHES TO ENSURE SAFETY AND IMPROVE COMPLIANCE WITH RULES OF THE ROAD.

GAUTENG: With a few days remaining before the end of the grace period to renew vehicle licences that expired in September, the Road Traffic Management Corporation is making a final call to vehicle owners to renew and comply.

A total of 460 813 motor vehicle licences with the September expiry date have not yet been renewed. Gauteng and the Western Cape accounts for highest number of September vehicle licences that have not yet been renewed. In Gauteng 178 985 vehicle licences with a September expiry date have not yet been renewed while 64 595 are in the Western Cape.

The RTMC would like to thank all the motorists who have made the effort to renew and comply. With the summer holidays fast approaching the Corporation would like to advise all vehicle owners, public transport, and freight operators





to prioritise the renewal of vehicle licences, driving licence cards and professional driving permits.

A total of 875 453 motor vehicle licences will be expiring at the end of October and vehicle owners are advised to take proactive steps to have them renewed. Meanwhile more than half a million driving licence cards have expired between January and October this year. About 232 672 professional driving permits have also expired in the same period. Fleet owners, public transport and truck operators are called upon to check and ensure that their drivers have valid documentation.

Gauteng motorists are encouraged to take advance of the relief offered by the lifting enforcement orders to renew. The Road Traffic Infringement Agency has offered an interim opportunity for motorists with outstanding enforcement orders to renew vehicle licences without experiencing blockages.

RTMC centres in Eco Park, Centurion, and Waterfall Park in Midrand open 7 days a week from 7am – 9pm to allowing drivers to renew their driving licence cards. Motorists are encouraged to take advantage of shorter queues to renew their driving licence cards and come on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday if they are unable to do so during the week.

Drivers whose cards have already expired or will be expiring soon are advised to obtain temporary driving licences to remain legal and compliant. Driving with expired driving licence card has negative consequences in case of collisions as insurance companies may decline claims made by drivers who failed to renew their cards on time.





Motorists are further reminded that there is a convenient way to renew a motor vehicle licence without having to stand in long queues for the whole day. Motor vehicle licences can be easily renewed online at online.natis.gov.za in five easy steps.

To take advantage of this convenience, vehicle owners are encouraged to register their profiles on the portal. Once registered vehicle owners have renewal reminders sent them together with forms. The portal also allows motorists to obtain updates on the status of their driving licences applications.

A legally compliant driver has peace of mind when driving and is not distracted by the presence of law enforcement officers. Multidisciplinary law enforcement operations are planned on major arterial routes as the festive season approaches to ensure safety and improve compliance with the rules of the road.

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