

ESSENTIAL SERVICE BUSINESSES REGISTRATIONS DURING LOCKDOWN

The President of South Africa has declared a National Lockdown from 26 March 2020 until 16 April 2020. During that period only businesses that provide essential services are allowed to open and trade. Those businesses need to apply to for a certificate in order to trade. Supplying incorrect information is a criminal offense and will lead to prosecution. Registrations may be done on the following link: https://bizportal.gov.za/essential_service.aspx

HOW TO FIND YOUR ENTERPRISE NUMBER:

When searching using your registration number, if the search on the BizPortal does not find your company, use the following format,

- Use your CIPC Company Registration Number in the M, K or B registration number format, for example:
 - o Companies that were registered after 2011: **K2012123456**
 - o Companies that were registered before 2011: **M1998123456**
 - o Close Corporations: **M1998123456**
- Registration numbers consist of twelve digits, broken into:
 - o Year of incorporation
 - o Six Digits
 - o Two digits outlining the type of entity.
 - o I.e: **1998/123456/07**
- Convert the above number from **1998/123456/07** to: **M1998123456** (letter prefix and first ten digits of the registration number).
- The prefix letter (M, K or B) must be in CAPS.
- The above may be corrected soon enough, in the interim we found that using the prefix format does work.

WHO MAY REGISTER AS AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE BUSINESSES

Businesses may only apply if they belong to the below list of essential services categories and subcategories. Take care to pay attention to the subcategories, as any person that is found to have abused this system may very well find themselves prosecuted.

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Main essential services categories (limited to the subcategories):

- Health, Medical, Laboratory and medical services
- Emergency services, Disaster, Fire, EMS
- Finance, Banking, JSE/exchangers, insurance
- Production and sale Category A regulations goods
- Grocery stores, Spaza shops
- Electricity, water, gas, fuel supply and maintain
- Care services, social relief of distressed
- Funeral service, mortuaries
- Wildlife, anti-poaching, animal care, veterinary
- Newspaper, broadcasting, telecommunications
- Hygiene chemicals, medical, pharmaceutical
- Cleaning, sanitation, sewerage, waste removal
- Postal, courier, transport of medical products
- Private security services
- Air-traffic, Civil Aviation, Cargo Shipping
- Essential mining, Gold, gold refinery, coal
- Hotels, Accommodation, quarantine and isolation
- Supply, critical repair on essential service
- Transport essential staff, good and patients
- Tow trucks, vehicle recovery
- Call Centre for health safety social support
- Harvest and storage agricultural goods



The Essential Business Registration Portal is only for registered companies operating in South Africa. Healthcare professionals registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, sole proprietors who provide essential goods and services (like spaza shops), and small-scale farmers will not have to register through the Bizportal. These business may complete the "Permit To Perform Essential Service" form only, found here: http://www.dti.gov.za/news2020/Guideline_Permit_Essential_Services.pdf.

Below are the questions that should be completed when registering:

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ENTITY SEARCH

Type in enterprise number:

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SEARCH

What is the ID number of the contact person? *

What is the first name of the contact person? *

What is the surname of the contact person? *

What is the email address of the contact person? *

What is the cellphone number of the contact person? *

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Statucor provides advisory services for its clients in this respect and does not register companies for Essential Business Service Certificates.

Looking for assistance on company governance and compliance matters during and after COVID-19?

Contact BDO in South Africa's company secretarial services subsidiary, Statucor.:
<https://statucor.co.za/contact/>

