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KZN DOT'S REGISTRATION ROADSHOW FOR TAXI OPERATORS

The KZN Department of Transport is embarking on a provincial roadshow to educate taxi operators about the new operating licence system and registration processes.

The roadshow builds on the work which began with the introduction of the Interim Minibus back in 1998. As part of this, the legislation of the industry under the KwaZulu Natal Taxi Act (Act No.4 of 1998) was initiated with the objective to formalise and stabilise the taxi industry.

This initial provincial framework was subsequently enhanced with the arrival of the National Land Transport Transition Act, 2000 (Act No. 22 of 2000) (NLTTA) and the KwaZulu-Natal Public Transport Act, 2005 (Act No. 3 of 2005) (KZNPTA). The year 2009 saw the falling off of the National Land Transport Transition Act and KZNPTA, and thus the introduction of the National Land Transport Act 5 of 2009. These new laws prioritise industry transformation.

At the same time, the legislative changes meant that the old Regulatory Authority was to be abolished and a new, revamped Provincial Regulatory Entity (PRE) established according to new laws. The roadshows are therefore aimed at educating new and old operators about the changes and promoting their improved interaction with the department's PRE unit.

On every stop, operators will be work-shopped through the various application stages such as renewals, late renewals, increase in carrying capacity, temporary licence, operating licences not in use, regulation of road based public transport. As well, information booklets with contact persons and numbers will be handed out.

The details of the road show – per DOT's districts:

Name of districts	Dates	Venues
Durban Ningizimu 1	23 October 2013	Sphumemele hall – KwaMakhutha
Durban Ningizimu 2	24 October 2013	Lamontville (EThekweni Christian Church)
Greater North	30 October 2013	ECC Durban
Pietermaritzburg	31 October 2013 and 1 November 2013	Woodlands hall

All media are invited.

Ends.

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