

MEDIA STATEMENT

Monday, 06 July 2020

<u>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT HAS TEMPORARILY CLOSED ROSSBURGH DLTC DUE TO A</u> <u>COVID-19 CASE</u>

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport regrets to inform members of the public of the unplanned disruption of services at the Rossburgh Drivers Licence and Testing Centre (DLTC), after one of its employee's tested positive for Covid-19.

This DLTC was opened on 05 June 2020, to start processing some of the backlog following the Covid-19 national lockdown closure in March.

The temporary closure and disruption of services with effect from today, 06 July 2020, is as a result of precautionary measures that need to be taken by the Department to allow Health workers to conduct a n assessment and screening of all staff members working in this office.

The employee in question was due to go for an operation this weekend and was requested by her Doctor to have a Covid-19 test done, before any procedure was to be performed. The official then tested positive for Covid-19. The station and the DLTC has since been closed, as part of Covid-19 health and safety protocols and guidelines. The staff and all those who were in contact with the employee will be tested as well.

Once given the green light to resume operations from the Department's Occupational Health and Safety team, all other services rendered by the Rossburgh DLTC will re-open and members of the public will be advised accordingly. Members of the public and car dealerships are urged to use other DLTCs and Registering Authorities, including post offices and municipalities operating as registering authorities.

Members of the public are also urged not to panic as there is the 90-days grace window period approved by the Minister of Transport for the renewal of licences that have expired.

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