

# Operating an Essential Services Business during Covid19 lockdown

## Background

Members of the South African Police Service (SAPS), South African National Defence Force (SANDF) and peace officers are expected to enforce compliance with the Covid19 Regulations. However, we are aware that there have been a number of instances that enforcement officers have misinterpreted or misapplied the Covid19 Regulations for example:

- Businesses being advised that their services or goods are not essential;
- Transporters of essential goods being stopped and advised that they may not operate;
- Businesses being asked to produce certain documentation which is not actually required by law;
- Law enforcement insisting that businesses implement procedures that are not required by law; and
- Employees of essential services are being told they cannot travel to work as they are not part of an essential service or their documentation is not correct.

## Application

This document is intended to provide practical guidance to businesses that provide essential business services and its employees during the Covid19 lockdown period who are dealing with enforcement officers.

## What to do

1. Stay Calm and Be Respectful
2. Understand the complaint and respond
3. Produce relevant documentation
4. Only if you cant resolve the problem, reach out to a Provincial SAPS Commissioner or an attorney, as appropriate

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