



COVID-19 CIRCULAR NO 1 of 2021

The Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa presents its compliments to Heads of Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to the Republic of South Africa and has the honour to refer to the decision by the South African Government on 13 February 2021 regarding the partial re-opening of the twenty (20) land ports of entry which were closed on 11 January 2021, as part of the country's efforts to control the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic under the National State of Disaster Act. The affected ports of entry that are listed below were partially re-opened on 15 February 2021.

The Department wishes to inform Missions of the following:

Due to the decrease in the spread of the Coronavirus and the need to reactivate the tourism sector, restrictions on movement of travellers seeking to enter South Africa through and at twenty (20) land ports of entry were eased and therefore the following land ports of entry are partially re-opened:

BOTSWANA		
Name of Port of Entry	Operating hours	COVID-19 entry requirement
Kopfontein	06:00 - 21:00	Valid PCR certificate or Antigen testing at the port at R300.00 per test
Groblersbridge	Port closed due to flooding	
Skilpadshek	06:00 - 21:00	Valid PCR certificate or Antigen testing at the port at R300.00 per test
Ramatlabama	06:00 - 21:00	Valid PCR certificate or Antigen testing at the port at R300.00 per test
NAMIBIA		
Name of Port of Entry	Operating hours	COVID-19 entry requirement
Nakop	06:00 - 21:00	Valid PCR certificate or Antigen testing at the port at R300.00 per test

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Voolsdrift	06:00 - 21:00	
KINGDOM OF LESOTHO		
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Maserubridge	06:00 - 21:00	Valid PCR certificate or Antigen testing at the port at R300.00 per test
Ficksburg	06:00 - 21:00	Valid PCR certificate or Antigen testing at the port at R300.00 per test
Van Rooyensgate	06:00 - 21:00	Valid PCR certificate only
Qachasneck	06:00 - 21:00	Valid PCR certificate only
Calendonspoort	06:00 - 21:00	Valid PCR certificate only
Sanipass	06:00 - 17:00	Valid PCR certificate or Antigen testing at the port at R300.00 per test
KINGDOM OF eSWATINI		
Name of Port of Entry	Operating hours	COVID-19 entry requirement
Oshoek	06:00 - 21:00	Valid PCR certificate or Antigen testing at the port at R300.00 per test
Golela	06:00 - 21:00	Valid PCR certificate or Antigen testing at the port at R300.00 per test
Jeppes Reef	07:00 - 20:00	Valid PCR certificate or Antigen testing at the port at R300.00 per test
Mananga	07:00 - 18:00	Valid PCR certificate or Antigen testing at the port at R300.00 per test
Mahamba	06:00 - 21:00	Valid PCR certificate or Antigen testing at the port at R300.00 per test
MOZAMBIQUE		
Name of Port of Entry	Operating hours	COVID-19 entry requirement

Lebombo	06:00 - 21:00	Valid PCR certificate or Antigen testing at the port at R300.00 per test
Kosibay	08:00 - 17:00	Valid PCR certificate or Antigen testing at the port at R300.00 per test
ZIMBABWE		
Name of Port of Entry	Operating hours	COVID-19 entry requirement
Beitbridge	06:00 - 21:00	Valid PCR certificate or Antigen testing at the port at R300.00 per test

Travellers to ensure that they have all their requisite travel documents, including valid negative COVID-19 test certificates when they present themselves at the port. Any person presenting themselves at the ports with a fraudulent or fake COVID-19 certificate will be denied entry, declared undesirable and barred from visiting the Republic of South Africa for a period of at least five (5) years.

For ease of reference, further information on the South African Government's response to COVID-19 can be obtained at <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/> and <https://www.gov.za/Coronavirus> while Regulations and Directions issued as a consequence of the National State of Disaster relating to COVID-19 can be obtained at <https://www.gov.za/covid-19/resources/regulations-and-guidelines-coronavirus-covid-19>.

The Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Heads of Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to the Republic of South Africa the assurances of its highest consideration.



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