



home affairs

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IMMIGRATION DIRECTIVE NO. 24 OF 2019

LESOTHO EXEMPTION PERMIT APPLICATIONS (LEP)

The Minister of Home Affairs has approved for a further 4 year permit for all Basotho Nationals who are in possession of LSP permits expiring on 31 December 2019.

The submission of fully completed on line applications at a VFS office will commence on 18 November 2019 and the closing date for the submission of the online applications and payments of the prescribed fee will be 31 March 2020.

Accompany Parent Visas: Applicants who are currently on any visa which includes the condition To Accompany parent on a LSP permit are advised to apply for the extension of their visas after their parents have applied for their LEP permits. These applicants must submit a copy of the parents LEP receipt and LSP permit when submitting their extension applications at the VFS office. Their extension application will only be finalised after their parents LEP application is finalised.

Organisations: All Companies, Employers, Learning Institutes and Banks to kindly note that applicants who are in possession of LSP permits expiring on 31 December 2019 must be allowed to continue with their services, provided they submit proof of application for a main stream visa or a LEP permit. Proof of application must be a VFS receipt.

Travel Conditions: All applicants with a LSP permit or any visa which includes the condition To Accompany parent on the LSP permit must be allowed to travel freely in and out of SA provided they submit proof application of a LEP or renewal of an Accompany parent on a LSP visa, VFS receipt. They are not to be declared undesirable. This moratorium will be lifted at the end of LEP project.

The contents of this Immigration Directive must please be brought to the attention of all officials concerned.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: IMMIGRATION SERVICES

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This Immigration Directive follows Immigration Directive No.23 of 2019 which deals with:

Exemption from port of entry visa requirements for diplomatic, service or of official passport holders of the Republic of Mali.