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## THE PRESIDENCY

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It is hereby notified that the President has assented to the following Act, which is hereby published for general information:—

**No. 20 of 2003: National Road Traffic Amendment Act, 2003.**



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**GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

(English text signed by the President.)  
(Assented to 1 October 2003.)

**ACT**

**To amend the National Road Traffic Act, 1996, so as to provide anew for the period within which certain driving licences remain valid; and to empower the Minister to set different periods within which different categories of persons must substitute their driving licences; and to provide for matters connected therewith.**

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

**Amendment of section 18 of Act 93 of 1996**

1. Section 18 of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No. 93 of 1996) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for subsection (6) of the following subsection:

“(6) (a) A driving licence which has officially been included in an identity document shall be deemed to be a driving licence issued under this Act, until a date fixed by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*.

(b) In respect of any notice issued in terms of paragraph (a), in the case of any person who was unable to apply for such a driving licence due to him or her having been—

- (i) admitted to any medical facility or detained in any state institution in terms of an order issued or sentence imposed by a court of law;
  - (ii) posted by the Government on a foreign mission or assignment;
  - (iii) on a contract of employment outside the borders of the Republic; or
  - (iv) a full-time student at a foreign academic institution,
- the date determined in that notice shall, upon proof submitted by any such person of the date of his or her discharge from such facility or, release from such institution or his or her return to the Republic, be deemed to be a date six months after the date of such discharge, release or return.”; and

(b) by the addition of the following subsection:

“(7) (a) A driving licence other than a licence contemplated in subsection (6) that was valid immediately before the commencement of this section remains valid until a date determined by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*.

(b) The Minister may—

- (i) determine different dates for the expiry of the validity of driving licences contemplated in paragraph (a) in respect of different categories of persons; and
- (ii) extend any date determined in terms of subparagraph (i).”

**Substitution of section 19 of Act 93 of 1996**

2. The following section is hereby substituted for section 19 of the principal Act:

**“Substitution of driving licence before certain date**

**19.** (1) The holder of a driving licence contemplated in section 18(6) or (7) shall apply to a driving licence testing centre for the issue of a driving licence in substitution of his or her existing licence. 5

(2) An application under subsection (1) shall be made in the prescribed manner and be accompanied by the prescribed documents.

(3) A driving licence which has not been substituted as contemplated in subsection (1) becomes invalid on the day after the date determined by the Minister in terms of section 18(6) or (7), as the case may be. 10

(4) Any person whose licence has become invalid in terms of subsection (3) and who requires a driving licence must apply anew for the issue of a licence in terms of section 18.”

**Short title and commencement**

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3. This Act is called the National Road Traffic Amendment Act, 2003, and section 1(a) must be regarded as having taken effect on 30 April 2003.