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Attention: News Editors

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MINISTER MBALULA RELAXES PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATING HOURS FOR SOCIAL GRANT BENEFICIARIES *

Following the announcement by President Cyril Ramaphosa on the days social grants would be paid, a number of industry bodies has made representations on the relaxation of hours public transport vehicles are allowed to operate. A similar request was made by the Minister of Social Development, Minister Lindiwe Zulu.

Having considered Minister Zulu's request and representations made by various industry bodies, including the taxi industry, I have decided to amend the Public Transport Directions in order to accommodate grant beneficiaries.

Effective from tomorrow, 30 March [2020](#) until Friday, 3 April [2020](#), buses and taxis will be permitted to operate from 05:00 until 20:00 in order to cater to the transportation needs of society's most vulnerable. The exercise of social distance by all those using public transport must be observed and enforced. We will issue further Directions in this regard.

Grant recipients are required to carry their Identity Documents and South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) cards when travelling on public transport, to assist law enforcement efforts.

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