



SASS NEWSLETTER

27 August 2020

Dear SASS members,

This is the 6th edition of our Lockdown Circular newsletters

With business activities on the rise we notice the gradual increase of workload in sheriff's offices and the normalizing of our activities.

In this edition we intend to update members on various ongoing matters and to provide guidance on the conducting of auctions under the COVID-19 Regulations.

Members are also reminded to contact your provincial management or any member of EXCO for assistance, especially in these difficult times.

1. ALERT LEVEL 2

The country moved to Alert Level 2 with new Regulations published on 17 August 2020. The only remaining restriction under Alert Level 2 for sheriffs, is the execution of eviction orders:

EVICIONS UNDER ALERT LEVEL 2

Regulation 53 (1) prohibits the eviction of a person from land or home/demolition of building for the duration of the national state of disaster unless a competent court has granted an order authorising the eviction or demolition. Even if the court has so granted such order, it still has powers to suspend the execution of such order until termination of the national state of disaster.

These provisions only relate to residential property and not to commercial property.

Therefore, the status quo under Level 2 remains in terms of the non-execution of evictions against residential property, for the duration of the national state of disaster.

To comply with the provision "unless a competent court has granted an order authorising the eviction or demolition" it is important to note that the order should contain a specific provision that the sheriff should execute such an eviction order during the period of the state of disaster.

Don't hesitate to call upon us for clarification.

Remember to visit the SASS website for all Government Gazettes relating to COVID-19 at www.sassoc.co.za – news – COVID-19



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2. PASSING OF ADVOCATE HISHAAM MOHAMED



The justice family lost a big soul and good friend who selflessly served his country.

Adv. Mohamed represented the Dept of Justice in two terms as members of the SABFS, while holding the position as Regional Head of WC Justice Department.

Lately he served as Member of Parliament and was a member of the Justice portfolio committee.

May his soul rest in peace; We will sincerely miss him.

3. SABFS Virtual Imbizo: 4 September 2020

“keeping the wheels of justice turning despite COVID-19”

SASS supports this initiative and members are encouraged to participate.

If you have not yet received an invitation to register, kindly contact your provincial management for assistance to obtain a link.

I urge you to assist your deputies and administrative staff to register as well.

Let us not miss this opportunity to hear the Minister of Justice and correctional service, The Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development and the Chairperson of the Board.

4. Tariff increase

We are very excited about the tariff increase that will commence on 11 September 2020.

SASS is in the process to compile a simplified guide for the tariffs.

We have also identified one or two discrepancies which will be addressed with the authorities.

Please update your computer system on time with the new tariffs.

5. CCMA – Execution of Enforcement Awards

A report was compiled, explaining the challenges experienced by sheriffs in the execution of Enforcement Awards.

Thank you to SASS members who made contributions and shared your experiences.

Enclosed is the report that was submitted to the SABFS.

We trust it will also assist members to understand the current status of the different aspects of the execution process.

Members will be updated of any progress.

6. Auctions under the 27 July 2020 Directives

The commencement of Sales in Execution was published in Government Gazette 43521 on 12 July 2020.

Subsequently, Justice Directives for sales in execution were issued.

SASS analysed these Directives and compiled guidelines to comply with these Directives, together with examples of the register, notices and other forms that is required.

Enclosed is the Guideline and documents

7. Upcoming SASS events

The following **virtual meetings** are planned for the remaining part of 2020:

Meetings with EXCO and provincial management committees
National management meeting – video conference
Provincial meetings – video conference

8. SASS membership subscriptions

Membership invoices were emailed to all SASS members at the beginning of 2020.
Members are reminded of their obligation in this regard.
Duplicate Invoices can be requested from the treasurer, Mr Marks Mangaba.

9. Financial assistance program by the SABFS

We believe that the Board is still in progress of making payments in terms of the assistance program for the benefit of some sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

An urgent update was requested and we hope to get verbal feedback at the upcoming Consultative Forum scheduled for **10 September 2020**.

We urge all qualifying sheriffs who earn up a R 1 million Rands per annum in turnover to urgently lodge your application, if you did not apply as yet.

We also call on all sheriffs to take advantage of the opportunity of the benefit R2000 for each registered deputy, to urgently complete the application forms, if you didn't as yet.

10. Sheriff women's day event: 14 August 2020

This event, arranged by our ladies in Gauteng, was once again a huge success.

The women in our profession was truly inspired by the messages delivered by the different speakers – sheriffs – deputy sheriffs – staff members – all women.

The high levels of gender based violence is of great concern and cannot be denied.

SASS condemns any form of violence against women and children, especially in the month of August when we are reminded about this evil in our societies.

SASS encourages the support of women in the month of August, by serving of domestic violence documents free of charge.

11. SASS National Convention

Members, as you are aware, the COVID19 pandemic has caused us to miss the opportunity to host you at our national conference this year. Management took an informed decision to postpone the national conference to early next year. We know how important this event is to you and therefore assure you that as soon as the lockdown and the pandemic subsides to a reasonable level wherein more facilities are open and more importantly as we settle ourselves financially, we will start with the preparations for conference. Until then we urge all Provincial representatives to ensure that we continue working hard to assist members on the ground.

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