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GRANT RECIPIENTS PUBLIC TRANSPORT WINDOW PERIOD DRAWS TO AN END

The grace period for social grant recipients to collect their grants and purchase essential goods comes to an end today, Friday 3 April 2020 at 21:00.

Social Development Minister Lindiwe Zulu, interest groups and other stakeholders had requested an extension of public transport operating hours, to accommodate the transportation needs of society's most vulnerable.

In response, Minister Mbalula amended the Public Transport Directions. Between 30 March 2020 and 3 April 2020, buses and taxis were permitted to operate from 05:00 until 20:00.

As of 4 April 2020, public transport operating hours return to the morning and afternoon peak times, with slight amendments, as follows:

- 04:00 - 05:00 empty taxis are permitted to make their way to collect commuters
- 05:00 - 10:00 taxis are permitted to ferry commuters at 70% licensed capacity
- 10:00 - 11:00 buffer: all outstanding commuters must be dropped off & taxis parked
- 15:00 - 16:00 empty taxis are permitted to make their way to collect commuters
- 16:00 - 20:00 taxis are permitted to ferry commuters at 70% licensed capacity
- 20:00 - 21:00 buffer: all outstanding commuters must be dropped off & taxis parked

The utilisation of sanitisation products and services as well as the exercise of social distance by all those using public transport must continue to be observed and enforced.

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