



home affairs

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DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS: MARRIAGE OFFICERS (EXTERNAL)

SOLEMNIZATION AND REGISTRATION OF CIVIL MARRIAGES AND CIVIL UNIONS.

In terms of section 29A (2) of the Marriage Act, 1961 (Act No. 25 of 1961) and section 12(6) of the Civil Union Act, 2006 (Act 17 of 2006) marriage officers are required to **forthwith** transmit the marriage records/register to the Regional or District Offices of the Department of Home Affairs within their area for capturing.

The Department is currently experiencing a situation whereby marriage officers are not transmitting marriage registers to the Department on a weekly basis for capturing as it is expected from them. This result with the Department been undated with calls from clients who make enquires about the delay in updating their marital status.

In view of the above all marriage officers are requested to comply with the provisions of the Marriage Act and the Civil Union Act as mentioned above during the solemnization and registration of marriages and civil unions.

| Should you have any enquiries regarding the above, please contact Ms Mmabato Motau at (012) 300 8799 or Ms Maria Matsoaisa (012) 300 8561

Your urgent attention to this matter will be highly appreciated.

Kind regards


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