

# **RUSTENBURG**

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#### **SPAZA SHOP REGISTRATION**

The Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) successfully launched the spaza shop/tuckshop registration drive at Ben Marais Hall. The registration drive comes after the President of the Republic of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa addressed the nation on the scourge of food-borne illness that resulted in the death of children around the country. Pursuant to the directive of the President, all Spaza Shops and other food handling facilities in Rustenburg Local Municipality must also be registered within 21 days effective from the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The Municipality is currently busy with the registration drive in ensuring that all Spaza Shops and food handling facilities are operating within the prescripts of the law. Furthermore, this campaign is also aimed at ensuring that these facilities are compliant with RLM by-laws and other legal requirements (Municipal Health Services, Fire Safety and Town Planning) to operate. The directive from the President follows the RLM Ordinary Council sitting which resolved on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 as per Item 73; *that the Municipality to conduct an inspection of the approved Tuckshops within the Rustenburg jurisdiction to develop a register of all approved tuckshops.*

The Municipality together with other stakeholders hosted a compliance capacity building and consultation session on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024. These stakeholders included the South African Police Service (SAPS); the South African Revenue Service (SARS); Department of Home Affairs; the Small Enterprise Development Funding Agency (SEDFA), the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) and the North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT).

The spaza shop owners around Rustenburg heeded the call and came in their numbers. Efforts to encourage registration includes community-outreach initiatives such as the Mayoral Outreach Program, business-site visits, and engagements with traditional councils and business forums.

Application forms may be collected at the Municipal Office and at all Regional Community Centres (RCCs), Municipal website and from Ward Councillors.

The Municipality will continue with the consultation sessions and enforcement with all stakeholders, enforcement will be conducted to all that are not complying after the 21 days registration period.

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