

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

To: All News Editors/Transport Journalists

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### **RTIA Warns Against Fake News on AARTO Rollout Implementation**

The Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) has noted with concern the proliferation of fake news and misinformation surrounding the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (AARTO) Act rollout. The Agency urges members of the public to exercise caution and verify information before sharing it, emphasising that official statements regarding the next phases of AARTO implementation will only be issued by the Department of Transport and or RTIA.

The RTIA confirms that AARTO is currently operational only in the municipalities of Johannesburg and Tshwane. Any claims suggesting a wider national rollout at this stage are incorrect.

Currently the Department of Transport and RTIA are working on a draft proclamation of the AARTO Amendment Act.

Over and above the development of the proclamation, the following processes are underway:

- The DoT and RTIA have developed draft AARTO regulations.
- Selection processes towards the appointment of members of the public to serve in the AARTO Appeals Tribunal are at an advanced stage.
- AARTO Service Outlets have been created across the country.
- AARTO education and community awareness has been ongoing in all nine provinces, and on all digital platforms.
- AARTO connectivity of issuing authorities to the e-Natis is underway.
- Training of the more than 25 000 traffic officers across the country is underway.
- Preparations to implement the Points Demerit System and the AARTO rehabilitation programme as part of Phase 3 are underway.

Strengthening laws for road traffic compliance is paramount, and the AARTO Act is a vital tool in achieving this. Its effective implementation will play a critical role in enforcing these laws and ultimately making our roads safer for all road users.

The RTIA calls upon all citizens to remain vigilant against misinformation and to actively combat the spread of fake news. The Agency encourages the public to double-check any information about AARTO with official RTIA channels before sharing it. Official updates and statements regarding the AARTO Act will continue to be disseminated through RTIA channels, such as the RTIA website, official social media accounts, and reputable media outlets.

**Let's stay informed and combat misinformation together for a safer South Africa. Join the Movement: Responsible Road Users Start With Responsible Drivers!**

For more information or assistance with traffic fines, contact RTIA at 0871 227 861 or visit <https://online.aarto.gov.za>

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