

MEDIA ALERT

TO: ALL NEWS EDITORS/TRANSPORT JOURNALISTS

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AARTO “Know your traffic fine status” campaign underway this festive season

As part of the national Festive Season Road Safety campaign, the Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) will conduct “Know Your Traffic Fines Status” campaign across the country. The campaign renders mobile customer information services aimed at reaching out to road users to educate them about their rights and options as contained in the AARTO Act.

The RTIA’s national campaign seeks to encourage positive driver behaviour, voluntary compliance to road traffic laws, curb road fatalities, penalise and rehabilitate repeat offenders. The AARTO Act is designed to contribute towards making South African roads safer.

The RTIA is the nurturing arm of government in terms of valuing life of road users. Furthermore, the RTIA has a moral and statutory duty to ensure that citizens enjoy this privilege. The Agency’s mandate is to create a balance between Issuing Authorities and road users by rendering administration services to road users to resolve all traffic fines issued under the AARTO Act. The AARTO process takes road users through the available options to help them manage their infringement status.

Under the AARTO Act, within the first 32 days of receiving an infringement notice, motorists have the following five (5) options to exercise:

- Make a representation to dispute a traffic infringement;
- Nominate a new driver;
- Apply for revocation of an enforcement order;
- Arrange to pay for infringements in instalments; or
- Elect to be tried in court.

During this festive season the AARTO mobile offices will be visiting the Driving License Testing Centres (DLTC), taxi ranks, and fuel stations in various municipalities across the country to undertake AARTO public awareness in the following areas;

Date	Time	Venue	Festive Season Activation
7-8 December 2017	09h00-15h00	Mthatha DLTC, Eastern Cape	DLTC Activation
8 December 2017	09h00-15h00	Anglo Platinum Mine, Burgersfort, Limpopo	Road Safety Collaboration with Limpopo Department of Transport, Safety & Security
15 December 2017	09h00-15h00	Engen Garage, N1 North, Kranskop	Road Safety Collaboration with Limpopo Department of Transport, Safety & Security
16 December 2017	09h00-15h00	R40, Marite, Mpumalanga	Road Safety Collaboration with Mpumalanga Department of Community Safety, Security & Liaison
16-21 December 2017	09h00-15h00	Musina Checkpoint, Limpopo	Road Safety Collaboration with Limpopo Department of Transport, Safety & Security

The Agency bears the mandate of implementing the AARTO Act. In this regard, the Agency has the responsibility to educate and inform all stakeholders on their AARTO rights and responsibilities as stipulated in the Act.

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