

MEDIA ALERT

TO: ALL NEWS EDITORS/TRANSPORT JOURNALISTS

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Aarto Mobile Offices in your door step to bring services closer to you.

The Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) in its effort to educate and influence positive driver behaviour on the roads, is inviting the public to visit the Aarto Mobile Offices in areas closer to them and take advantage of various services that will be offered on the day. 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 in managing their traffic fines.

During the month of May under the “Know Your Traffic Fine Status” campaign. The AARTO mobile offices will be visiting the Driving Licence Testing Centres (DLTC’s) and shopping malls in various municipalities across the country to undertake AARTO public awareness the first stop will be in the following areas;

| Date | Time | Place | Province |
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| 15 May 2018 | 09:00 : 14:00 | Edenvale Driving Licence Testing Centre | Gauteng |
| 14 – 15 May 2018 | 09:00 : 14:00 | Atlantis Driving Licence Testing Centre | Western Cape |
| 16 – 18 May | 09:00 : 15:00 | Cape Town (Parliament) | Western Cape |
| 17 May 2018 | 09:00 : 14:00 | Randburg Driving Licence Testing Centre | Gauteng |
| 22 – 23 May 2018 | 09:00 : 15:00 | Brackenfell Driving Licence Testing Centre | Western Cape |
| 24 May 2018 | 09:00 : 14:00 | Tzaneen Driving Licence Testing Centre | Limpopo |
| 25 May 2018 | 09:00 : 14:00 | Giyani Driving Licence Testing Centre | Limpopo |

To date, the soaring road fatalities statistics on our roads due to lawlessness and negative driver behaviour are of a great concern. It is clear that Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) has to intensify its positive driver behaviour education and awareness programmes to ensure that motorists obey the rules of the road and our roads are safer.

Under the AARTO Act, 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.

The RTIA's "Know Your Traffic Fine Status" 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.

Journalists requesting for telephonic interviews are requested to arrange with Mthunzikazi Mbungwana on 083 784 7594 or email Mthunzi.Mbungwana@rtia.co.za

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Aarto Mobile Office Information sheet

The Aarto Mobile Office is a full-service Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) branch office on wheels. The Mobile Office offers all the services available at a main office in Midrand.

Objectives: To undertake AARTO awareness education campaigns "Know Your Traffic Fine Status" campaigns. The awareness campaigns will communicate, inform and educate stakeholders to support and understand the RTIA and AARTO Act its necessity towards ensuring safer roads. A total of five busses in a form of Mobile offices are visiting the Driving Licence Testing Centres (DLTC), Taxi Ranks, fuel stations and schools in various municipalities across the country. The aim is assist road users with managing their traffic fines.

Mobile office services include: Inside the Mobile office motorists are able to submit elective options, pay their discounted penalty provided they do so 32 days after receiving the fine, pay for the fine in full or make instalment payments provided an arrangement has been made with the Agency. All major credit and debit cards are accepted for payments. While waiting to be serviced educational video will be screened in the waiting area for clients. Motorists can also ask questions about any Aarto options and all services.

Staffing: The Mobile offices have been fitted with five working stations, staffed with five RTIA officials assisting motorists.

Hours of operation: Hours and length of visits in each area will vary according to the specific need.