

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

To: All Stakeholders  
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### **National AARTO Public Education Campaign Starts Today**

The Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) today starts rolling out a national public education campaign to inform and educate road users about the benefits of the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (AARTO) Act of 1998 in the road safety space.

The campaign was scheduled to start on 17 January 2022 but had to be suspended while assessing the outcome of the Northern Gauteng High Court judgment on the constitutionality of the AARTO Act. Clarity has been provided on the continuity of the implementation of AARTO and a decision taken to re-activate the campaign rollout pending the appeal.

The core message of the campaign focuses on the benefits of the AARTO Act to all road users, particularly the rights and options accorded to motorists by the AARTO legislation. The following are the main options road users in terms of this road safety legislation:

- a. Receive 50% discount if you pay your fines to the issuing authority within 32 days after the receipt of the infringement notice.
- b. Submit a representation in order to dispute an infringement notice.
- c. Nominate the driver in control of the vehicle in order to transfer the fine.
- d. Apply to pay the infringement in instalments should it exceed R750.
- e. Elect to be tried in court.

The campaign will be conducted through mass media such radio, television, print, social media, community print and radio. The campaign messages will be translated to all South African languages.

The campaign messages are also tailored to provide clarity to road users that, even post the Northern Gauteng High Court ruling, the AARTO legislation remains valid until the Constitutional Court confirms the judgement.

Road users are encouraged to register and check their AARTO infringements on our website, [www.aarto.gov.za](http://www.aarto.gov.za).

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**Issued by the Road Traffic Infringement Agency**