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Department:
Trade and Industry
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

NOTICE ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN FILM AND TV INCENTIVES, REGARDING THE IMPACT OF COVID -19 AND THE CURRENT STATE OF DISASTER ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

EFFECTIVE DATE: 23 MARCH 2020

1. PURPOSE	
<p>This Notice serves to provide guidance on current and future applications for the Film and TV incentive, in order to comply with the measures introduced by Government to curb the spread and impact of the corona virus. It also seeks to assure the industry of government's commitment and support, without prejudicing prospective and already approved applicants.</p>	
2. PRE-CAUTIONARY MEASURES	
Approved applications	<p>All approved applications which were still compliant and have not automatically expired on the 18th March 2020, are effectively granted an additional 6 months from the approved start of principal photography.</p> <p>Applicants who have already commenced with principal photography and are still compliant with the applicable incentive guidelines, also receive 6 months for completion and submission of their final claims. The 6 months is calculated from initial approved dates, compliant Form B's (notification of start with principal photography) or as advised in the extensions granted by the department.</p> <p>Applicants must provide the department with revised dates where applicable and those who are ready to submit their claims and updated information, must submit them electronically only, no walk-in clients or hard copies will be accepted at this stage.</p>
New Applications	<p>No new applications will be accepted due to the COVID-19 National Lockdown announced by the President. This will be reviewed subject to further announcements on COVID-19 National Lockdown by the Presidency.</p>
General	<p>Please note that planning and executing a project, remains the responsibility of the company and the Department will not be held responsible for any costs or consequential losses incurred, due to postponement and or cancellation of approved projects, as a result of the Covid-19 virus.</p>
<p>All the above measures and recommendations are subject to change, based on announcement by national government in response to the virus and the wellbeing of people.</p>	

Applicants are required to adhere to the precautionary measures announced by The South African Government and the World Health Organisations, the following official websites can be used to access the relevant information:

Please ensure that proper safety and preventive measures are taken at all times to protect employees and all other participants. The success of our creative industry is in the hands of a healthy nation.

<https://www.gov.za/Coronavirus>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

All claims and relevant documentation must be submitted after the lockdown period.