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## **Circular 21/2020 COVID-19**

**16 September 2020**

**ATTENTION: ALL EMPLOYERS**

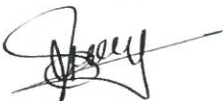
**Dear Sir/Madam**

### **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND ANNOUNCES NEW CLOSING DATES FOR COVID - 19 TERS BENEFIT PAYMENTS**

Please be advised that the UIF, has extended the processing of new claims for April to September 2020 following consultations with social partners at Nedlac.

The new dates are set out in the attached notice together with a pamphlet and a media statement.

**Kind regards**



**Alvan Pillay**  
Secretary  
(Sent Electronically)



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Dear Ms Seftel

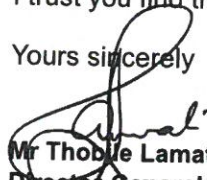
### RE: EXTENSION OF COVID19 TERS AND RELATED MATTERS

My letter dated 04 September 2020 refers. The Department subscribes to consultative and, whenever possible, consensus based leadership approaches and continuous improvement. Such is informed, among others, by the African adage and heritage that *'if you want to go fast go alone, if you want to go far go together'*. To finish together the great work on the provision of the COVID 19TERS benefits to the millions of South African workers which we started and carried together, we have decided as follows:

1. The receipt of COVID TERS 19 benefit applications for March 2020 to end May 2020 shall close on 25 September 2020 and no further applications, for that period, shall be accepted beyond that date.
2. The receipt of COVID TERS 19 benefit applications for June 2020 shall close on 15 October 2020 and no further applications, for that period, shall be accepted beyond that date.
3. The receipt of COVID TERS 19 benefit applications for July to 15 September 2020 shall close on 30 October 2020 and no further applications, for that period, shall be accepted beyond that date.

I trust you find this in order.

Yours sincerely

  
Mr Thobile Lamati  
Director-General: Labour  
Date: 14/09/2020

# NEW CLOSING DATES FOR COVID-19 TERS BENEFIT PAYMENTS



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- 1. COVID-19 TERS benefit applications for **March 2020** to end **May 2020** shall close on **25 September 2020** and no further applications, for that period, shall be accepted beyond that date.
- 2. COVID-19 TERS benefit applications for **June 2020** shall close on **15 October 2020** and no further applications, for that period, shall be accepted beyond that date.
- 3. COVID-19 TERS benefit applications for **July to 15 September 2020** shall close **30 October 2020** and no further applications, for that period, shall be accepted beyond that date.



*The closing dates will not affect claims that have already been submitted.*



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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUNDS ANNOUNCES NEW CLOSING DATES FOR COVID-19 TERS BENEFIT PAYMENTS**

Notwithstanding previous media statements, the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF), has extended the processing of new claims for April to September following consultations with social partners at Nedlac.

The new dates are set out as follows:

COVID-19 TERS benefit applications for March 2020 to May 2020 shall close on 25 September 2020, and no further applications for that period, shall be accepted beyond that date.

COVID-19 TERS benefit applications for June 2020 shall close on 15 October 2020, and no further applications for that period, shall be accepted beyond that date.

COVID-19 TERS benefit applications for July to 15 September 2020 shall close 30 October 2020, and no further applications for that period, shall be accepted beyond that date.

The closing dates will not affect claims that have already been submitted, as they will be processed and paid once the outstanding information is finally submitted to the Fund.

Currently payments are still on hold as the Fund is still working with the Department of Home Affairs and other government databases to verify about 5 million identity documents of COVID-19 TERS applications. This is done to ensure that payments are made to deserving and authentic workers.

An announcement will be made in due course about when the Fund will resume with payments again.

“We are aware of the negative impact this delay has caused and is causing. But in the interests of mitigating the risks which have been identified both by our Risk Unit and the Auditor General, we unfortunately have to pause payments. As soon as we have a sense of comfort with the steps taken, we will announce to the country the resumption of payments,” said Marsha Bronkhorst, acting UIF Commissioner.

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“Our actions are key to stopping the second wave of Covid-19 spread. Wear your mask, wash hands regularly and keep maintaining the social distancing”

Issued by GCIS on behalf of the Department of Employment and Labour

15 September 2020