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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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This is to confirm that South African citizens who hold valid residence titles for Germany (D-Visa, Aufenthaltskarte, Blaue Karte EU, ICT-Karte, Niederlassungserlaubnis, Mobiler ICT-Karte or Erlaubnis zum Daueraufenthalt-EU) are allowed to enter Germany, unless a ban on entry and residence exists.

Currently, entry on Schengen-Visas is still not allowed except for very specific – mostly humanitarian- reasons. Entry with a Schengen-Visa will most likely be possible again as soon as the South African authorities will allow commercial airlines to resume their services of regular flights into South Africa.

Due to COVID-19 Germany still maintains several entry restrictions for travellers arriving from countries worldwide including South Africa. They can be accessed via the website of the German Federal Foreign Office (<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt/coronavirus>)

The most important of such restrictions is that travellers must have an imperative need for entering Germany, this typically being family reunification, attending educational and training institutions that require in-person attendance, employment as a healthcare worker, or seafarers. Travellers must provide suitable proof of such imperative need to cross the border.

The decision whether to allow entry at the border is at the discretion of the border official at the time of entry on the border, based on the residence title and documentation presented by the travellers. The German Missions abroad do not have such authority.

Hence the Embassy cannot issue certificates confirming the individual admissibility of travellers for entry to Germany and cannot pre-screen any related documentation either.

By order

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