# GENERAL NOTICE

#### **NOTICE 962 OF 2009**



# INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA (ICASA)

## DRAFT REGULATIONS ON THE UNRESERVED POSTAL SERVICES

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) is in the process of formulating regulations on unreserved postal services in terms of section 61(b) read with Schedule 2 of the Postal Services Act No. 124 of 1998 (the Act).

Consequently, ICASA invites the public to make submissions on the draft regulations. Those wishing to make written submissions should do so within 30 working days from the date of publication. The closing date for submissions is **21 August 2009.** 

The draft regulations are also available on ICASA website:

http://www.icasa.org.za and ICASA Library during the following working hours:

09h30 - 16h30.

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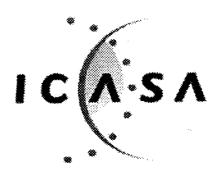
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# THE INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **UNRESERVED POSTAL SERVICES REGULATIONS**

I, Paris Mashile, Chairperson of the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") acting on behalf of the Council of the Authority hereby approve and publish draft regulations in the Schedule, made in terms of Section 61 sub-sections (b) and (c) of the Postal Services Act, 1998 (Act No. 124 of 1998).

PARIS MASHILE

CHAIRPERSON

ICASA

#### SCHEDULE

## 1. DEFINITIONS

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates, a word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act has the meaning so assigned.

"the Act" means the Postal Services Act, 1998 (Act No 124 of 1998);

"applicant" means a person who has submitted an application for registration, renewal, amendment, surrender or transfer of a certificate;

"business day" means any day from Monday to Friday 08:30 - 16:00 excluding weekends and public holidays

"fees" means the applicable charges as may be prescribed and payable by a registrant or applicant in terms of regulation 5 of these Regulations;

"registrant" means a person issued with registration certificate in terms of Section 20 of the Act;

"transfer" means to assign, cede or transfer a registration certificate from one person to another;

"unreserved postal services" means services contemplated in Schedule 2 of the Act.

## 2. PURPOSE OF THE REGULATIONS

The purpose of these regulations is to:

- (1) regulate unreserved postal services;
- (2) provide for registration categories;
- (3) provide for the duration of the registration certificate;
- (4) provide for the registration fees payable.

## 3. SCOPE

The regulations apply to all operators who offer postal services listed in Schedule 2 of the Act.

## 4. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

- (1) Applications for registration to the Authority must be in writing and completed in accordance with **FORM A**.
- (2) Applications must be submitted to the Authority before 16H00 during business day.
- (3) Any fee in respect of an application for registration may be paid by way of an electronic transfer or via a direct deposit into the Authority's bank account. Proof of payment must accompany the application for the registration certificate.
- (4) The application fee referred to in sub-regulation (3) of these regulations is non-refundable.

## 5. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

- (1) All applications for renewals must be in writing and completed in accordance with **FORM B**.
- (2) Renewal applications must be submitted to the Authority before 16H00 during business day.
- (3) A fee of R1000.00(one-thousand rand only) in respect of an application for renewal may be paid by way of an electronic transfer or via a direct deposit into the Authority's bank account.
- (4) Proof of payment must accompany the renewal application for the registration certificate and;
- (5) The application fee referred to in sub-regulation (3) of these regulations is non-refundable.

## 6. CHANGE OF INFORMATION

- (1) The registrant must notify the Authority in the event that any information in the registration certificate changes subsequent to the granting thereof.
- (2) A notice of change of information must be submitted in the format as set out in **FORM C**.
- (3) A registrant must submit the notice within 15 business days from the date of change of information.

#### 7. REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

The Authority has identified the following registration categories.