



J - WCED Guideline: Safety of learners on the Learner Transport Scheme

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1. Purpose

To advise principals and SMTs on what is expected to ensure safety of learners on the Learner Transport Scheme.

2. Regulations

- 2.1. All commuter transport services including passenger bus services, taxi services, and private cars transporting learners to school must adhere to the Regulations issued in terms of Disaster Management Act 2002 (Act no 57 of 2002) and all directives set out in the schedule to address and contain the spread of COVID-19.

3. Dropping off and picking up learners in schools.

- 3.1. All learners must ensure physical distancing measures while waiting for transport.
- 3.2. All learners must wear a mask at all times.
- 3.3. Learners must ensure that they washed their hands before leaving home/or at the school.
- 3.4. Only learners registered on the LTS can utilise the transport.

4. Loading capacity

- 4.1. The loading capacity must comply with the regulations to ensure physical distancing in line with the Government Gazette, volume 659, number 43272, issued on 4 May 2020.
- 4.2. Loading capacity of vehicles is currently 70%.

5. Provision of improved access and hygiene, disinfection control on learner transport.

- 5.1. All operators must provide hand sanitiser or other hygiene dispensers for washing of hands when the learners and adult supervisors enter the transport.
- 5.2. All operators must ensure that public transport vehicles are sanitised before picking up and after dropping off learners.
- 5.3. Operators must ensure that all learner transport vehicles door and window handles, armrest, handrails and windows against which learners lean are sanitised before picking up and dropping off learners.
- 5.4. Operators must ensure that all learner transport vehicles are clean and tidy.

5.5. All drivers and learners must wear a mask.

6. Roles and responsibilities of principal and SMT

6.1. All learner transport, including privately owned or arranged transport, are subject to the prevailing regulations unless specifically amended for learner transport.

6.2. Principals, or a designated official, must check compliance regularly.

6.3. Principals, or a designated official, are to check compliance as buses drop/collect learners

6.4. Any transgressions must be reported to the district immediately.