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RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENCE

The Msunduzi Municipality's Licensing Department is urging all businesses to renew their operating licenses by no later than 31 January 2021 in order to continue operating their businesses for the year. This procedure is very critical under Section 15 of the Business Regulations in terms of the Business Act 71 of 1991. The Act requires every license holder to confirm every year that the business for which the license was issued, is continuing and is still conducted from the premises specified in the license.

The Licensing Manager Mr. Mandla Sithole confirmed that business licenses are only valid for a calendar year. "The Renewal of business licenses is a statutory requirement and ensures compliance as well as proper management of businesses. Business licenses that need to be renewed are within the Food Establishments sectors and Health or Entertainment Facilities. Businesses can renew their business licenses by visiting the Licensing Offices where they initially applied for the trading license," said Mr Sithole.

The Municipality is urging businesses and traders to start the renewal process immediately to meet the deadline of 31 January 2021. They are warned that the licensing inspectors and other law enforcement officers are conducting random inspections to all businesses and those found to be in contravention of the Act will be prosecuted; and they may be issued with summons and their licenses subsequently withdrawn after due processes have been invoked.

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