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## **IMMIGRATION DIRECTIVE NO. 15 OF 2022**

### **FINALISATION OF VISA APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN 12 JANUARY 2022 AND 31 AUGUST 2022 AT MISSIONS ABROAD**

1. This Directive follows Immigration Directive No. 12 of 2022 (the "Directive") issued on 31 August 2022.
2. It has come to the attention of the Department that Missions have, between the periods from 12 January 2022 until 31 August 2022, been unable to transmit visa applications for adjudication to Head Office, Pretoria timeously. This has resulted in the outcomes relating to the applications received not being provided in time to the applicants.
3. In order to ensure that the applicants receive outcomes timeously, the Department has decided to grant permission to officials at Missions to adjudicate and finalise all visa applications received between 12 January 2022 and 31 August 2022. This implies that all Missions, that received visa applications between the period 12 January 2022 to 31 August 2022 and have not forwarded these applications to Head Office as yet, are granted permission to process (adjudicate) the application at the respective missions abroad. In this regard, permission is further granted for Missions to communicate the outcomes, of the visa applications, to the applicants accordingly.
4. Missions are to ensure that each pending application is processed in line with the provisions of Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002) (the "Act"), as well as the Regulations made thereunder. Missions are further reminded to ensure that all applications meet the requisite requirements as stipulated in both the Act and the Regulations made thereunder.
5. Applications processed for the above mentioned period, at Missions, must be recorded and all applications must be kept for audit purposes.

The contents of this Immigration Directive are for internal use and must be brought to the attention of all Immigration and Consular Officials.

**L.T. MAKHODE**

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**DATE: 31 October 2022**

This Directive follows Directive No. 14 of 2022 – Blanket waiver: Holders of critical skills work visa issued under the 2014 critical skills list.