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Department of Home Affairs to showcase at the Rand Show



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Johannesburg, 27 February 2018 - The Department of Home Affairs has announced its participation at this year's Rand Show which coincides with its piloting of the mobile application solution for the smart ID card conversion from the green one. The pilot project has taken into account the citizens' needs for a secure, efficient product while ensuring communities' access to government services.

This year visitors will be able to access a variety of Home Affairs services and products such as birth, marriage, death registrations as well as smart ID card and passports.

"Our participation in the Rand Show is testimony to our resolve to serve our communities across the length and breadth of our country," says Mr Mkuseli Apleni, Director-General of Home Affairs.

Other services to be rendered will include immigration services, i.e. visa applications in conjunction with the VFS visa facilitation service, as well as investigating and providing responses to complex individual enquiries, relating to the work of Home Affairs. There will be interactive public awareness exercises throughout the duration of the Show.

"It is quite an honour to have the Home Affairs participate at this year's Rand Show to give visitors that much needed access to the department, without taking a day off work to do so," says Craig Newman CEO of the Johannesburg Expo Centre. "We encourage visitors to make use of this facility at the show as it is convenient," added Newman.



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Communication on birth registration within 30 days is part of Home Affairs' key communication programmes on Smart ID card rollout, and Early Birth Registration requirements. Dedicated staff and resources to enhance a positive client experience will be made available by the department at the show.

"We once more call upon visitors to the Rand Show to seize this opportunity and convert their green ID books to a new smart ID card," says Apleni. Please visit Home Affairs department at Showcase SA Hall 7 throughout the duration of the show.

About the Department of Home Affairs

Home Affairs is a national competency department offering its services via over 400 frontline offices inland, health facilities, ports of entry, refugee reception offices and missions abroad. Home Affairs is mainly responsible for determining and recording the identity and status of all people living in South Africa and issuing documents that affirm this. It has two wings, the Civic Affairs branch, which is the custodian of the National Population Register (NPR) which contains the records of all citizens and permanent residents, including changes in status, such as marriage and death. The Immigration Affairs branch determines the status and identity of foreigners, facilitates the movement of people through ports of entry, regulates immigration through permitting and movement control systems, and provides consular services abroad. Immigration officers are present at ports of entry and at regional offices in provinces. Verification of identity is a service that is rendered to all government institutions, banks and other private sector institutions.

About the Rand Show

About The Rand Show - Since its establishment in 1894, the Rand Show has become one of South Africa's largest and most iconic consumer events and a highlight on the annual events calendar, having entertained multiple generations of South African families. Staged annually at the Johannesburg Expo Centre in Nasrec, it serves as an important launch pad for exciting brands and businesses and caters to the entire family. Categories include sport, children's products and services, wellness, outdoor living, science, technology, government departments, trends, design and home living, as well as world-class exhibits by the SANDF, a unique feature not seen anywhere else. The expo attracts over 200 000 visitors each year, mostly families across all cultures in the middle to upper income brackets. Often referred to as Johannesburg's biggest day out, 2018 promises to prove yet again why Rand Show has been in existence for over 120 years. This is not just another expo.



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- Rand Show 2018 Dates:** Friday 30 March to Sunday 8 April
- Show Hours:** 10:00 – 21:00 Daily
Exhibition Halls close at 19:00
Last Entry at 19:00
- Rand Show 2018 Venue:** Johannesburg Expo Centre, Rand Show Road, Nasrec
(GPS – S26°14.484' E27°58.510)
- Tickets:** Available at the gates or through Computicket
(www.computicket.com)
- Parking:** More information at www.randshow.co.za
Open-air parking is available at R20 per car
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