



# SABOA

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### **MINISTERIAL TASK TEAM ESTABLISHED TO ADDRESS THE COVID-19 CHALLENGES OF THE BUS AND COACH INDUSTRY**

SABOA, representing the South African bus and coach industry, participated in an online meeting with the Minister of Transport, Fikile Mbalula and his team on Friday 29 May 2020. SABOA detailed the mounting challenges that the bus and coach sector are facing and requested active engagement with Government to effectively address concerns of the industry. The Minister has supported the request and a Ministerial Task Team will be established to jointly prioritize and investigate measures to address the industry's concerns and mitigate the impact of the Covid-19 virus on the industry.

The Minister has indicated that his team will review the options for request for relief that were tabled by SABOA, on behalf of the Industry. The requested relief measures seek to address the financial and operational challenges, arising from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in the learner transport sector, inter-provincial/long distance cross-border bus and coach services, travel and tourism coach services and commuter services. In addition, Minister Mbalula has committed to meeting with the Departments of Trade and Industry, Small Business and Tourism to explore relief measures for the bus and coach sector. SABOA and the industry appreciates the Ministers intervention and look forward to discussing the outcomes of the engagements.

The Industry is facing dire circumstances, and many operators and sectors are in distress. SABOA is therefore looking forward to closer working relations with Minister of Transport, Fikile Mbalula and the Department of Transport, via the Ministerial Task Team. The detailed presentation made to the Minister of Transport, outlining the financial impact of Covid-19 on the bus and coach industry along with the proposed relief measures is available on the SABOA website, [www.saboa.co.za](http://www.saboa.co.za).

## **Who is SABOA?**

The Southern African Bus Operators Association represents a wide range of bus and coach operations in South Africa, these being, commuter bus operators, long distance intercity and inter-state services, school bus operators and tour/charter operators. It is recognised as one of the most representative associations in public transport in South Africa.

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