

# OFFICIAL COMPLIANCE NOTICE FOR SPAZA SHOPS

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Issued by Directorate: Local Economic Development Services

## 1. PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE

This notice is issued to ensure compliance within the Langeberg Municipal area in terms of:

- Businesses Act, 1991 (Act 71 of 1991)
- Langeberg Spaza Shop Policy (April 2015)
- Langeberg Informal Trading By-law
- Immigration Act, 2002 (Act 13 of 2002)

All persons operating businesses within the municipal jurisdiction must comply with the above legislation.

## 3. INFORMAL TRADING

In terms of the Langeberg Informal Trading By-law:

- Traders must obtain a valid permit
- Trading is only allowed in designated areas
- Non-compliance constitutes an offence

## 4. VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

Affected individuals are encouraged to:

- Engage with the Department of Home Affairs
- Regularise their status where possible

Voluntary compliance will be considered favourably.

## 5. ENQUIRIES

### Business Licensing Office

Langeberg Municipality  
📍 04 Church Street, Robertson  
☎ 023 626 8263  
✉ [tdanti@langeberg.gov.za](mailto:tdanti@langeberg.gov.za)

### General Enquiries:

☎ Municipality Call Centre: 0860 88 1111  
☎ Department of Home Affairs: 0800 601 190  
☎ SAPS: 10111

## 6. CONCLUSION

The Municipality is committed to a safe, lawful and fair trading environment.

Failure to comply with this notice will result in enforcement action without further notice.

## 2. SPAZA SHOPS AND INFORMAL FOOD TRADING

### 2.1 Legal Requirements

All spaza shops and food-handling businesses are required to:

- Hold a valid Business Licence issued by Langeberg Municipality
- Obtain a Certificate of Acceptability (health compliance)
- Comply with the Zoning Scheme Bylaw, Building Regulations and Fire Regulations
- Be approved in terms of the Langeberg Spaza Shop Policy

All businesses trading in food must be licensed by the municipality in terms of the Businesses Act.

### 2.2 Key Policy Requirements

Spaza shops must:

- Be operated by the property owner, a family member, or legal tenant residing on the property
- Operate from an approved and authorised structure
- Maintain the residential character of the property
- Comply with health, building, and safety standards
- Operate within permitted hours (07:00–21:00)

Any spaza shop operating without municipal approval is illegal and subject to enforcement action.

### 2.3 Foreign Nationals

Foreign nationals operating businesses must:

- Possess valid documentation authorising business activity
- Comply with all licensing and municipal requirements

Operating a business without a valid immigration status is unlawful.

### 2.4 Directive

All spaza shop operators must:

- ✓ Apply for and obtain the necessary approvals and licences
  - ✓ Ensure compliance with all municipal by-laws and policies
- OR**
- ✗ Cease operations immediately if unable to comply

### 2.5 Enforcement

Non-compliance may result in:

- Closure of the business
- Confiscation of goods
- Fines or prosecution
- Further enforcement in terms of applicable legislation