

Attendance of funerals

1. Movement between a province, metropolitan area or district by a person wishing to attend a funeral shall only be permitted if that person so wishing to attend the funeral is a
 - a. spouse or partner of the deceased;
 - b. child of the deceased, whether biological, adopted or stepchild;
 - c. child-in-law of the deceased;
 - d. parent of the deceased whether biological, adopted or stepparent;
 - e. sibling, whether biological, adopted or stepbrother or sister of the deceased; or
 - f. grandparent of the deceased;
2. Attendance at a funeral is limited to 50 people and will not be regarded as a prohibited gathering.
3. Night vigils at a funeral is banned.
4. During a funeral all hygienic conditions and distancing measures must be adhered to for the limitation of exposure of persons at the funeral to COVID-19.
5. Each person, whether traveling alone or not, wishing to attend a funeral and who has to travel between districts, or between provinces to attend a funeral must obtain a permit which corresponds substantially with Form 4 of Annexure A, from his or her nearest magistrate's office or police station to travel to the funeral and back.
6. The head of court, or a person designated by him or her, or a station commander of a police station or a person designated by him or her, may issue the permit to travel to a funeral.
7. Upon a request for a permit to attend a funeral. a person requesting a permit must produce a death certificate or a certified copy of the death certificate to the head of court, or a person designated by him or her, or a station commander of a police station or a person designated by him or her: Provided that where a death certificate is not yet available, and the funeral must be held within 24 hours in keeping with cultural and religious practices. the person requesting the permit must make a sworn affidavit which corresponds with Form 5 of Annexure A, together with a letter from a cultural or religious leader confirming the need for the funeral within 24 hours.
8. Only two family members or a person with a close affiliation to the deceased may, with the required permits. be present in the vehicle transporting the mortal remains to the metropolitan or district area, or province where the funeral will take place: provided that the cause of death of the deceased being transported is non -COVID -19 related.
9. The Regulations for the use of public transport must be strictly adhered to when travelling.
10. A copy of the permit issued and the death certificate or sworn affidavit made, must be kept safely by the head of court, or station commander of a police station for record keeping for a period of three months after the national state of disaster has ended, where after it may be destroyed.
11. All forms must be completed in full, including full names, identification or passport numbers and full contact details as required in the form and failure to do so will result in the form being rejected as invalid.