# **CENTRAL KAROO**

# **DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**



# SECTION: MUNICIPAL HEALTH SERVICES

# **ISSUING OF CERTIFICATES**



The Section Municipal / Environmental Health of the Central Karoo District Municipality aims to create an environment supportive of good health and minimize those factors detrimental to our health in the Central Karoo district

The Section is focused on the needs and expectations of our communities in the Central Karoo. We seek a good relationship between the municipality and its inhabitants, with a collective responsibility for the environment to ensure that all communities will live in an environment that is beneficial to their health

# **OUR FUNCTION**

The National Health Act, 2003 (Act 61 of 2003) defines Municipal Health Services as Environmental Health. In terms of Section 1 of the Act Municipal Health Services are defined as:

- Water Quality Monitoring;
- Waste Management and Monitoring;
- Food Control;
- Environmental Pollution Control;
- Health Surveillance of Premises;
- Communicable Diseases Control;
- Vector Control;
- Chemical Safety; and
- Management of Human Remains

The Air Quality Management & Integrated Waste Management functions are also performed by the Section Municipal Health.

EHP's act as public arbiters of EH standards, maintaining close contact with the communities they serve. We act as advisers, educators, consultants, managers and enforcement officers (enforcing health policies), ensuring people are able to live, work & play in safe, healthy environments

# **STAFF & AREA OF SERVICE DELIVERY**

EHP's are employed at our Head Office in Beaufort West as well as our Prince Albert & Laingsburg Offices

Services are rendered in ten (10) communities in the Central Karoo Region, namely Murraysburg, Beaufort West, Nelspoort, Merweville, Prince Albert, Leeu-Gamka, Klaarstroom, Prince Albert Road, Laingsburg & Matjiesfontein, as well as in the rural areas of the Beaufort West, Prince Albert & Laingsburg Districts.

# **CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTABILITY (COA)**

### WHAT IS IT?

A Certificate of Acceptability (COA) refers to the certificate required for formal & informal food premises, which also include vehicles used for the transportation of food, as outlined in the Regulation Governing the General Hygiene of Food Premises and the Transportation of Food Regulation R638 promulgated under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No 54 of 1972).

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT

The certificate is issued to the owner or the person in charge of a food premises and/or for the vehicles he/she uses for the transportation of food. It mainly certifies that the premises and/or vehicle are suitable to be used when handling food according to the requirements for food premises and the food transportation.

Without such certificate no person is allowed to handle or transport food.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR A CoA

A person who desires to open an establishment to be used for the handling food or who wishes to transport foodstuffs with a vehicle shall, before commencing with such business, apply for a Certificate of Acceptability by visiting the Section Municipal Health Services of the District Municipality for the area in which the premises is located in the Central Karoo District.

An application form will be issued to the applicant to complete and attach the necessary documentation. An Environmental Health Practitioner will be delegated to conduct an inspection to ensure the premises/vehicle is compliant with relevant health standards.

If the premise/vehicle is compliant the owner or person in charge will pay an application fee as approved by Council.

### **CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE (COC)**

#### WHAT IS IT?

A Certificate of Competence (COC) refers to the certificate that is issued to an owner or person in charge of a premises/vehicles used for the handling of human Remains, these may be Funeral Undertakers/Embalmers and crematoriums as required by the Regulation R363 Regulation for the Management of Human Remains Promulgated under the Republic of South Africa National Health Act, 2003 (Act No 61 Of 2003)

#### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The certificate mainly certifies the premises / vehicles are suitable to be used for the management of Human Remains according to the requirements stipulated under the abovementioned Regulation R363.

No person is therefore allowed to handle or transport human remains without such certification.

#### HOW TO APPLY FOR A CoC

A person who desires to open an establishment to be used for the management of human remains or who wishes to transport human remains with a vehicle shall before commencing with such business, apply for a Certificate of Competence by visiting the Section Municipal Health Services of the District Municipality for the area in which the premises is located in the Central Karoo District.

An application form will be issued to the applicant to complete and attach the necessary documentation. An Environmental Health Practitioner will be delegated to conduct an inspection to ensure the premises/vehicle is compliant with relevant health standards.

If the premise/vehicle is compliant the owner or person in charge will pay an application fee as approved by Council.

### **HEALTH CERTIFICATE (HC)**

#### WHAT IS IT?

A Health Certificate (HC) refers to a certificate that is issued to the person in charge of Accommodation Establishments, Beauty Spa, Hair Salon / Barber Shop, Schools, Early Childhood Development establishments/ (ECD'S), Old Age Homes, Youth Care Centres, Swimming Pools (open for the Public) according to the EH National Norms and Standards, promulgated under the National Health Act 2003, (Act No 61 of 2003).

#### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

For the above-mentioned premises, the certificate certifies that the premises, permanent or temporary, is compliant according to the standards and requirements for such premises in the above-mentioned standards document under the Health Act.

Without this certification no person shall conduct or perform any business.

#### HOW TO APPLY FOR A HC

A person who desires to open an establishment shall, before commencing with such business, apply for a Health Certificate by visiting the Section Municipal Health Services of the District Municipality for the area in which the premises is located in the Central Karoo District.

An application form will be issued to the applicant to complete and attach the necessary documentation. An Environmental Health Practitioner will be delegated to conduct an inspection to ensure that the premises is compliant with relevant health standards.

If the premises is compliant the owner or person in charge will pay an application fee as approved by Council.



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