

Thousands of taxis exempted from e-tolls

More than 46,000 Gauteng taxis have registered for e-tolling, as of 31 March 2014, which means they are exempted from the payment of e-tolls, says the South African National Road Agency (Sanral).



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In an update yesterday, Sanral head of communications Vusi Mona said that there were clear benefits for taxi operators, who are registered for e-tolls.

The agency thanked the SA National Taxi Council (Santaco) for its support of e-tolling and for encouraging its members to register.

Mona said those who had spread rumours about Santaco allegedly boycotting e-tolls were exposed recently when the taxi organisation said taxis had no reason to do so because qualifying public transport vehicles are exempted.

A further 1,300 applications for registration are currently being processed.

"Sanral urges all other associations to encourage their members to register with the required documentation so that they can also receive exemptions and not pay any toll fees when using the Gauteng e-roads. Registrations remove any misunderstandings that may arise due to taxi owners receiving an account," said Mona.

Registered taxis do not then receive accounts for use of the Gauteng e-roads.

Sanral will set aside the e-tolls due by qualifying public transport vehicles that have already received invoices.