

Call for naturalisation applicants to update details

The Department of Home Affairs has called on all foreign nationals who have applied for citizenship through naturalisation to approach offices where they lodged their applications so that they can urgently update their contact details.



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The department is concluding its adjudication processes to be followed by induction and naturalisation ceremonies scheduled to take place in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng in August.

"The department has noted that in some instances application processes take longer than expected, resulting in some of the applicants changing their contact details or even losing them. This has proven difficult for the department to reach a number of the applicants," the department said.

Applicants for naturalisation are urged to constantly check their status of application or progress with the office of application as approved applications that require signing of "Declaration of Allegiance" will only be valid for a period of six months from date of approval as appearing on 035.

Any expired period of signing the "Declaration of Allegiance" will be considered as non-compliance. The application process would immediately lapse and an applicant for naturalisation would be required to lodge a new application.