
INDEPENDENT REGULATORY BOARD FOR AUDITORS

INFORMATION REGARDING THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT FOR A POLICE CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

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Firms are aware that the IRBA introduced a requirement for a SAPS Police Clearance as part of its registration requirements with effect from 1 April 2022. *I refer to our [communique of 16 March 2022](#) in this regard.*

It has since been drawn the Board's attention that there have been difficulties in timeously obtaining the required Police Clearance Certificates.

In order to assist applicants for registration as RAs or RCAs, the Board has approved a temporary deviation from the requirement for a Police Clearance Certificate up until **31 March 2023**.

What this means is that applicants who have been unable to timeously obtain a Police Clearance Certificate may submit a criminal check report issued by a credible service provider, on condition that:

1. Such applicants must ensure that a valid Police Clearance Certificate issued by SAPS is submitted to the IRBA within six months of their registration; and
2. Failure to submit a valid Police Clearance Certificate issued by the SAPS within the stipulated time frame will result in the revocation of registration.

I attach the extract from the Government Gazette for your information.

Please contact me on cgarbutt@irba.co.za if you have any queries.

Kind regards

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