

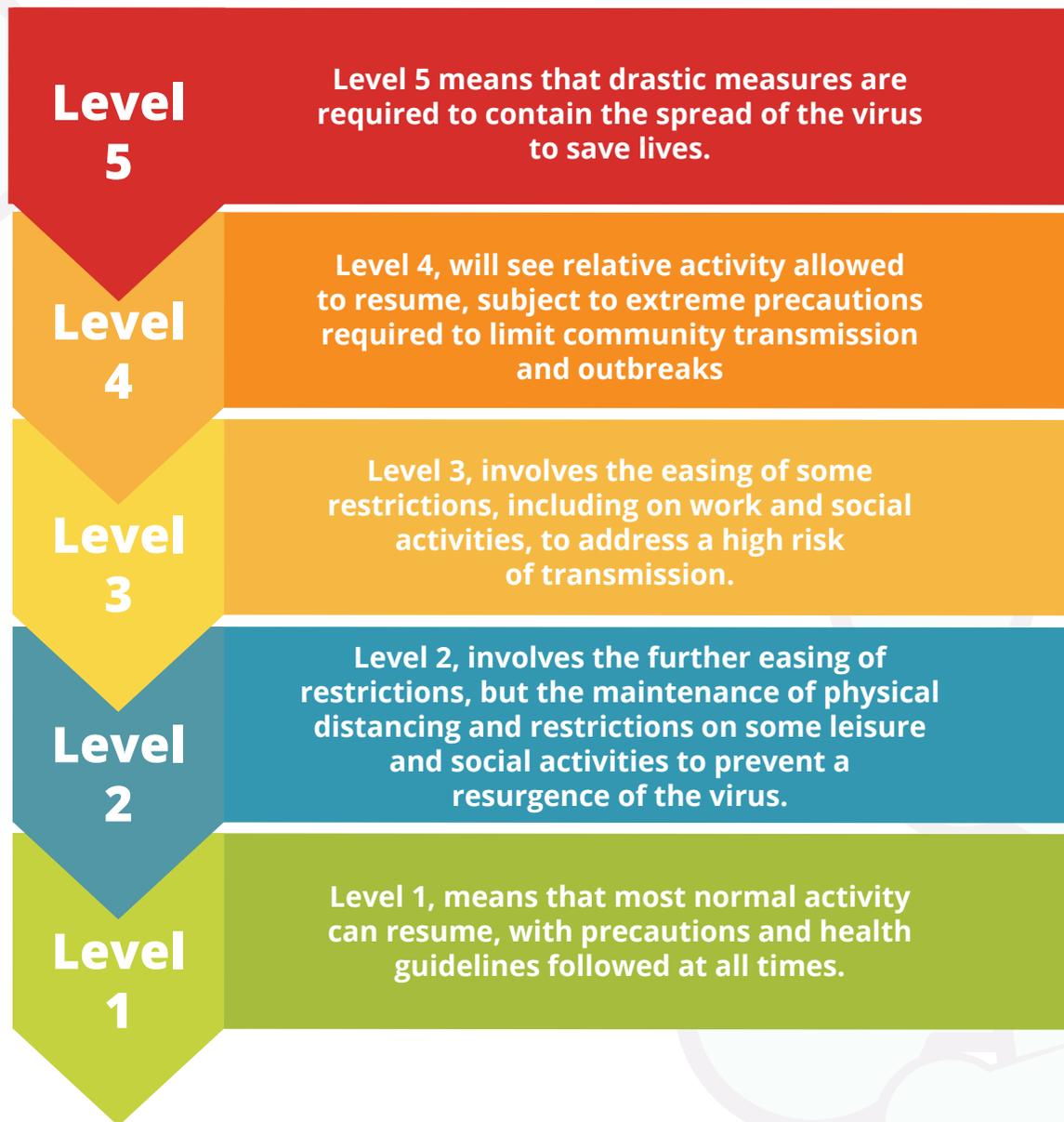
# Lockdown Level 3 guide

## What it means for **your SME**

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# Overview of alert levels



On 1 June, 8 million South Africans will go back to work.

If your SME will start trading again, there are regulations you need to follow.

To help you get back to work, we've pulled together the most important information.

### In this guide, we cover:

- **Overview of Alert level 3** *click here*
- **Who can trade?** *click here*
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# Overview of alert level 3

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On 24 May President Cyril Ramapohsa announced the national COVID-19 lockdown would move to Level 3. Most sectors will be permitted to trade across the country.

**Current**

**Level  
3**

**Level 3, most sectors will be permitted to trade across the country.**

# Who can trade?

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During Level 4, some sectors, like agriculture and manufacturing, could start operating.

These sectors will be able to trade, along with new sectors.

From 1 June, the following sectors will be open:

- Manufacturing
- Mining
- Construction
- Financial services
- Professional and business services
- Information technology
- Communications
- Government services and media services
- Wholesale and retail trade, including stores, spaza shops and informal traders
- E-commerce
- Agriculture and forestry
- Utilities

- Medical services
- Food production
- Manufacture of hygiene products
- Alcohol may be sold for home consumption on specific days

Employees will return to work gradually from 1 June.

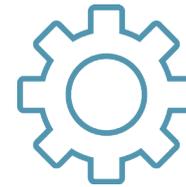
# Who can trade?

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## **Sectors permitted**

- All economic activity is permitted, with a few exceptions where the risk of transmission is high.



## **Retail permitted (Including stores, eCommerce and informal traders)**

- All retail is permitted with strict health protocols in place. Alcohol will be sold under strict conditions and on specified days.

# Who can't trade?

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Some sectors, however, will remain closed during Level 3.

Here's a summary of the sectors that will still be shutdown from 1 June:

- Accommodation
- Conferences, events, entertainment and sporting activities
- Hairdressing and beauty services

Other activities will resume partially:

- Restaurants, bars and taverns, but they will be allowed to offer food deliveries or collection
- Domestic air travel is still banned, but business travel will be phased in

These activities will remain prohibited:

- Consumption of food and alcohol in bars, restaurants, sheebens, and taverns.
- Theaters, cinemas, museums, and entertainment venues
- Hotels and accommodation for leisure
- Gyms and fitness centres
- Personal care services, where social distancing is not possible
- Conferences, events, and gatherings

# What you need to trade

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If you're going back to work, you need a workplace plan before you re-open.

Government will release sector protocols.

Broadly, your workplace plan must include details about measure for:

- Sanitary measures
- Social distancing
- Worker screening
- Quarantine space
- Testing arrangements

In addition, you'll need to assist with contact tracing if an employee tests positive.

## Getting to work

As most South Africans head back to work, there will be a higher risk of transmission in public transport, said President Ramaphosa.

Businesses were working on a plan to stagger work hours and provide employee transport. Bus and taxi companies must sanitise their vehicles regularly.

In a further effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, commuters must:

- Wear masks
- Wash hands before and after they travel
- Keep a distance from other commuters

# Key COVID-19 resources for SMEs

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- National Employers Association of SA's **lockdown return to work toolkit**
- 10x Entrepreneur **COVID-19 toolkit**
- National Small Business Chamber **COVID-19 relief centre**
- Lulalend's **COVID-19 SME relief options guide**

