

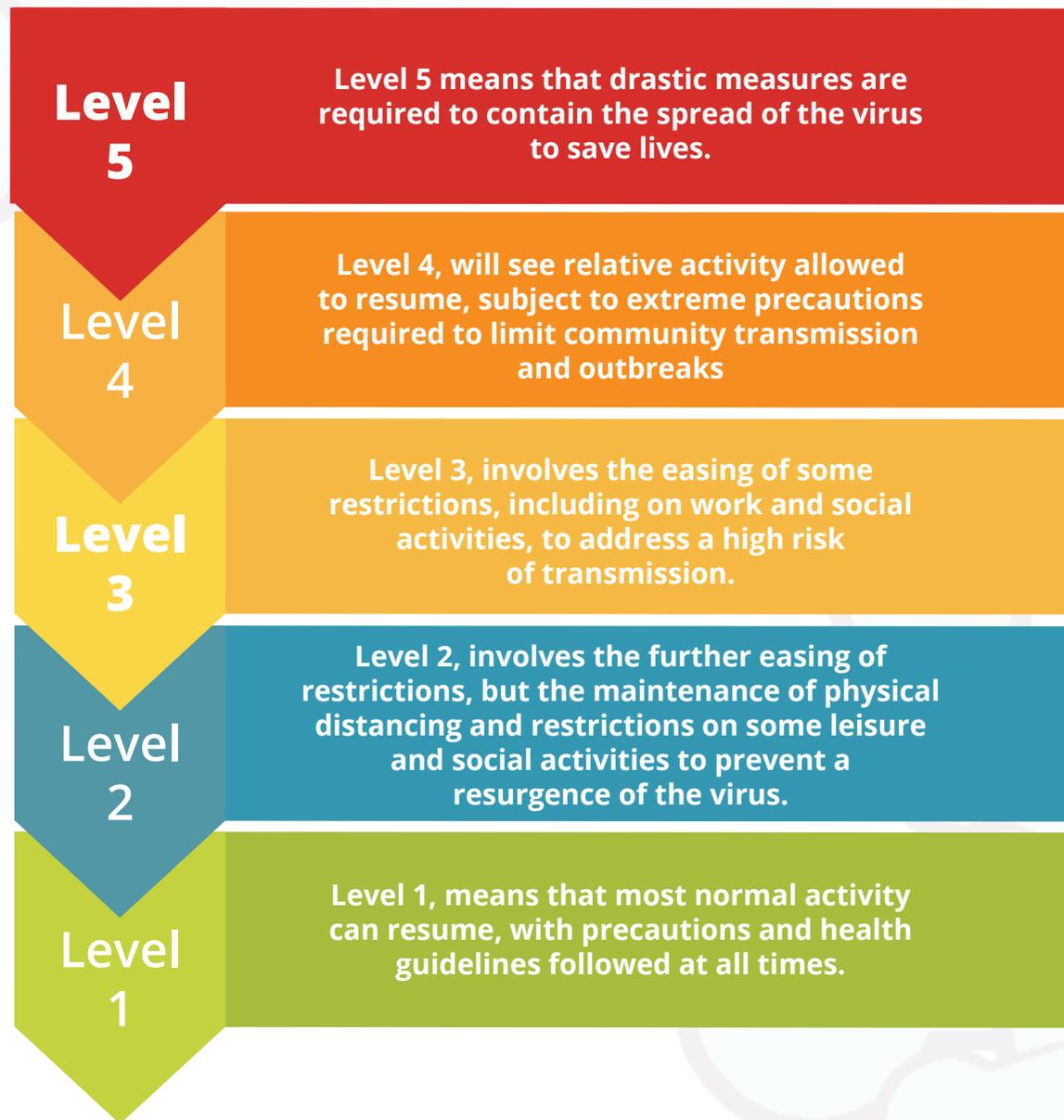
Lockdown Level 1 guide

What it means for **your SME**



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Overview of alert levels



Overview of alert level 1

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On 28 February President Cyril Ramapohsa announced the national COVID-19 lockdown would move to Level 1 on 1 March 2021.
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Current

**Level
1**

Level 1, most sectors will be permitted to trade across the country, therefore allowing more more economic activity.

On 28 February President Cyril Ramaphosa announces that South Africa will be moving to alert level 1 and an increase in economic activity.

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 1** *click here*
- **Who can trade?** *click here*
- **Who can't trade?** *click here*
- **What you need to trade** *click here*
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Who can trade?

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Who can trade?

All Level 2 sectors, including fitness centres, accommodation, intra provincial travel for leisure, international travel, alcohol and tobacco sales will now be permitted in Level 1.

From 1 March 2021, the following sectors will be open:

- Manufacturing at 100% capacity
- Mining at 100% capacity
- Alcohol may be sold for home consumption on specific days at licensed premises for on-site consumption is permitted, subject to strict adherence to curfew. Alcohol sales are permitted during normal trading hours, provided that this is outside the curfew hours.
- Restaurants
- Tourism industry and all tourist attractions
- Gyms and fitness centres between 6am and 6pm
- Tobacco products with no restrictions or limits.
- International travel with strict Covid-19 testing restrictions
- Curfew is from 00h00 until 04h00 daily

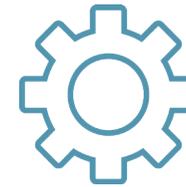
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Sectors permitted

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.

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Who can't trade?

- 33 land borders closed, no international leisure ships
- No night vigils
- No initiations
- No nightclubs
- No spectators at sporting events
- Public transport exclusions (as per Directions)
- Education services exclusions (as per Directions)
- No international sport events

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 thy 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](#)

