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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE 3865 OF 2026

THE EXTENSION OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO COURTS BY THE DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development has a constitutional obligation to ensure everyone has access to courts. The Constitution further recognises the right of access to justice as a fundamental human right, which is a vital ingredient in the protection and enforcement of other human rights. In its endeavour to increase access to courts by the disadvantaged communities, the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development has undertaken an initiative to extend additional court services to the courts that are historically serving as satellite points for larger magistrates' courts. This initiative is aimed at bringing justice services closer to rural and township communities, reducing travelling time and cost, and alleviating the caseloads at the main courts.

The courts listed under Column D of the Schedule, will with effect from **31 March 2026**, provide the list of additional services as mentioned under Column E of the same Schedule. These extended services further advance the Department's commitment to ensure accessible justice services to all. Communities in these areas are encouraged to take advantage of these extended services to resolve legal disputes.

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SCHEDULE

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
Province	**Magisterial District**	**Seat of the Magistracy**	**Identified courts for additional services**	**Additional service to be added**
Eastern Cape	OR Tambo	Mthatha	**Bityi:** place appointed for the holding of court for Mthatha	Maintenance, Children's court, Small Claims Court, Child Justice, Domestic Violence and Protection from Harassment
	Buffalo City	East London	**Dimbaza:** place appointed for the holding of court for Zwelitsha	Maintenance, Children's court, Small Claims Court, Child Justice, Domestic Violence and Protection from Harassment
Free State	Thabo Mofutsanyana	Phuthaditjhaba	**Rosendal:** place appointed for the holding of court for Ficksburg	Family Law Services
			Tweespruit: place appointed for the holding of court for Ladybrand	Family Law Service
Gauteng	City of Johannesburg	Johannesburg	**Kliptown**: place appointed for the holding of court for Soweto	Maintenance

Column A Province	Column B Magisterial District	Column C Seat of the Magistracy	Column D Identified courts for additional services	Column E Additional service to be added
			Orlando: place appointed for the holding of court for Soweto	Maintenance
KwaZulu-Natal	King Cetshwayo	Empangeni	**Richards Bay**: place appointed for the holding of court for Empangeni	Family Law Services
	uThukela	Ladysmith	**Dukuza**: place appointed for the holding of court for	Criminal
Limpopo	Sekhukhune	Groblersdal	**Matlerekeng:** place appointed for the holding of court for Groblersdal	Maintenance, Domestic Violence and Protection from Harassment
	Mopani	Giyani	**Senwamokgope:** place appointed for the holding of court for Ga-Kgapane	Maintenance, Domestic Violence and Protection from Harassment
Mpumalanga	Ehlanzeni	Mbombela	**Masoyi:** place appointed for the holding of court for White River	Family Law Services
	Gert Sibanda	Ermelo	**Dirkiesdorp**: place appointed for the holding of court for eMkhondo	Family Law Services
Northern Cape	John Taolo Gaetsewe	Kuruman	**Heuningsvlei:** place appointed for the holding of a periodical court for Kuruman	Criminal and Family Law

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			Tsineng: place appointed for the holding of a periodical court for Kuruman	Criminal and Family Law
North West	Ngaka Modiri Molema	Mmabatho	**Ottoshoop:** place for the holding of court for Mmabatho	Criminal and Family Law
	Bojanala Platinum	Rustenburg	**Marikana:** place for the holding of court for Rustenburg	Family Law
Western Cape	City of Cape Town	Cape Town	**Philippi:** place for the holding of court for Wynberg	Maintenance, Domestic Violence and Protection from Harassment and Estates
	Garden Route	George	**Plettenberg Bay**: Place for the holding of court for Knysna	Maintenance, Children's Court, Small Claims Court, Child Justice, Domestic Violence and Protection from Harassment

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