



STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY ON:

Requirements to start up a business and Reserved Licenses

The Ministry of Trade and Industry wishes to remind the trading community and the public in general about the requirements that need to be met for any individual who intends to **start a** business. These are:

1. Health certificate (**for food handlers**) issued by Ministry of Health. Applicable only to Snack Bar, Butchery and others.
2. Health certificate (**for business premises**) issued by Maseru City Council
3. Lease or Form C2
4. Sublease Agreement, for rented business premises
5. Certified Passport Copy
6. Tax clearance (valid for license renewal)

The list below depicts business activities, **reserved exclusively for Basotho**. These business activities are not open to foreign nationals.

1. Agent of a foreign firm
2. Barber
3. Basotho beer shop
4. Butcher
5. Snack bar
6. Domestic Fuel Dealer
7. Dairy shop
8. General café
9. General Dealer
10. Greengrocer
11. Hawker
12. Street photographer
13. Broker
14. Mini Supermarket
15. Hair and beauty salon

16. Tentage dealer

The Business community is therefore reminded that foreign nationals are not allowed to operate reserved businesses as provided for in the **Trading Enterprises Regulations 1999**. The licenses for these particular business activities are not transferable to foreign nationals.

The Ministry is in the process of embarking on a joint inspection campaign with the Ministries of Labour and Employment, Home Affairs and Police to ensure compliance to these requirements. Failure to comply with these requirements will attract punitive measures.

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