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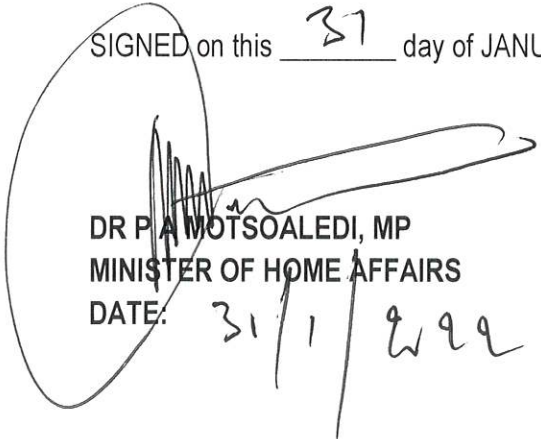
**WITHDRAWAL OF WAIVERS GRANTED IN TERMS OF SECTION 31 (2) (c) OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 13 OF 2002: GRANTING OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE STATUS IN TERMS OF SECTION 27(b) OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT: GRADUATES FROM SOUTH AFRICAN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS IN THE AREA OF CRITICAL SKILLS**

I, Dr PA Motsoaledi, MP, Minister of Home Affairs with the powers bestowed upon me in terms of section 31 (2) (b) (ii) and(c) of the Immigration Act, hereby withdraw the waivers dated 21 April 2016 granting foreign graduates who studied at South African tertiary institutions towards degrees in the areas of critical skills, to apply for permanent residence status contemplated in section 27 (b) of the Immigration Act.

The withdrawal includes the skills or qualifications determined to be critical for the Republic of South Africa in relation to an application for critical skills visa or permanent residence permit dated 21 April 2016.

All applications received prior to this withdrawal will continue to be processed as if they were finalized prior to this withdrawal and will not affect the validity of permanent residence permits already issued.

SIGNED on this 31 day of JANUARY 2022.

  
**DR P A MOTSOALEDI, MP  
MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS  
DATE: 31/1/2022**