

SPECIAL NOTICE

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

EXTENSION OF MCK SPECIAL MEDIA PASS (SMP) TENURE

On 25th March, 2020, following the Public Order No. 1 issued by the National Security Council of Kenya and announced by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta, the Media Council of Kenya (MCK) ensured that journalists and media professionals were classified as essential service providers during the safety and security measures enforced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The classification of media as essential workers required that all journalistic and critical non-journalistic staff working in media houses be issued with a form of identification from the media regulator. MCK duly began the issuance of Special Media Passes (SMPs) with a tenure of six (6) months set to expire on **30th September, 2020**.

By way of this special notice, the Media Council of Kenya wishes to announce as follows, that:

1. The tenure of the Special Media Passes (SMPs) is hereby extended for a further three (3) months to **31st December, 2020**;
2. Given the COVID-19 health guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health (MoH) and Directorate of Occupational Safety & Health Services (DOSHS):
 - a. Only e-mail applications for the SMPs will be accepted by sending in the required information found on our website at <https://www.mediacouncil.or.ke/en/mck/index.php/mck-accreditation/requirements> to accreditation@mediacouncil.or.ke;
 - b. The resumption of the issuance of the smart Press Cards (PCs) remains under review by the MCK Accreditation Service, until further notice;
3. The SMPs shall serve the same purpose as the Press Card in the interim should the COVID-19 public order regulations be lifted;
4. All non-journalistic staff remain ineligible to apply for the SMPs;
5. All SMPs can be verified by sending a message to our free SMS service: **40314**.



David Omwoyo Omwoyo
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