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TOPIC: IMMIGRATION IMPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS UNDER SA LOCKDOWN

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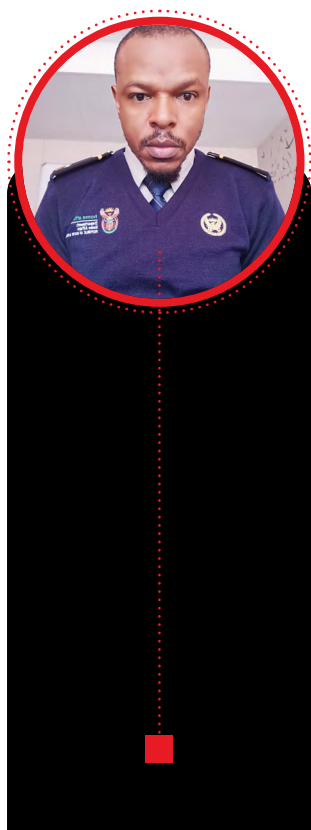
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Phindiwe Mbhele (Mr) is the Director at Home Affairs in the Immigration branch responsible for stakeholder relations management between the Department and corporate entities, corporate employers and institution of higher learning regarding temporary residence visa matters as well as assisting and advising corporate employers who have the intention to positively contribute to South Africa's economic growth through the employment of needed foreign labour, the entry of exceptionally skilled or qualified people and the promotion of tourism.

He heads the Corporate Accounts directorate whose main responsibility is to ensure that corporates that have been given the designation of "corporate clients" by Home Affairs are given a premium service that ensures that their applications for visas and permanent residence permits are issued as expeditiously as possible and on the basis of simplified procedures and objective, predictable and reasonable requirements and criteria, and without consuming excessive administrative capacity.

Mr. Mbhele is also the Home Affairs director responsible for the management of Home Affairs offices anchored by Visa Facilitation Services at the One Stop Shop (OSS) centres now formally known as InvestSA One Stop Shops. The purpose of the InvestSA OSS centres is to provide investment promotion, facilitation and aftercare services geared at fast-tracking projects and reducing government red tape. This also includes facilitation of the attraction of foreign and domestic direct investment into the South African economy. Within these centres through the Premium Visa & Permit Facilitation centres and Premium Business Lounges Mr. Mbhele's role also involves the active marketing, promotion and facilitation of investment in key economic sectors by offering Immigration expertise.

He is also responsible for the drafting and publishing of the Critical Skills List in consultation with the Department of Higher Education and Training and the Department of Labour as well as the processing of study visas for international students who renew, extend or change conditions of their visas.

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