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Dear Colleague,

**SUBJECT: STUDENT PERMITS FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING PARENTS WHO ARE ON EMPLOYMENT PERMITS.**

The above mentioned subject refers.

This letter serves to inform you, and through you the education sector, that school going children of employment permit holders will no longer be required to be in possession of student's permits in order to attend school in Namibia.

The practice has been that when a parent obtains an employment permit in terms of section 27 of the Immigration Control Act, 1993, ("the Act") his or her dependent children also get a permit to accompany such a parent. The permit to accompany is provided for in section 27(5) of the Act. The current practice is that in order for these children to attend school, they are required to apply for and be issued student permits in terms of section 29 of the Act.

This current requirement of this category of dependent children being in possession of 2 permits issued under the same Act results in administrative difficulties evidenced by long queues at the beginning of the year.

**We have, effective immediately, aligned the requirement so that when a permit to accompany a parent on an employment permit is issued to a dependent child in terms of section 27(5) of the Act such a permit also entitles that dependent child to attend school. This is applicable for primary up to secondary education, tertiary education is excluded.**

In light of the foregoing, any dependent child with a section 27(5) permit endorsed in their passport must not be required to have a Student's Permit.

In the event of uncertainty whether a particular learner has a section 27(5) permit, queries should be directed by school administrators to Mr. Deon Scott, email: [Deon.Scott@mha.gov.na](mailto:Deon.Scott@mha.gov.na), 061 292 2430 or Ms. Eite Shiponeni, email: [Eite.Shiponeni@mha.gov.na](mailto:Eite.Shiponeni@mha.gov.na), 061 292 2088.

Kindly effect this for the 2021 Academic Year.

Yours Sincerely,



**ETIENNE MARITZ  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

