



FETAKGOMO TUBATSE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMPULSORY BUSINESS REGISTRATION WITHIN FETAKGOMO TUBATSE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE TO ALL BUSINESSES, TRADERS, PROFESSIONALS AND OPERATORS

1. BACKGROUND AND AUTHORITY

Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM), in the exercise of its constitutional mandate and in terms of applicable national legislation, hereby gives notice to ALL persons and entities conducting any form of business, trade, profession, or commercial activity within the jurisdiction of the Municipality that business registration is now COMPULSORY.

The Municipality has been formally designated as a Business Registration Centre with the authority to receive, process, and record business registrations for all businesses operating within its jurisdiction. This initiative is aimed at promoting a formal, transparent, and regulated business environment, protecting consumers, ensuring compliance with applicable law, and enabling the Municipality to plan and deliver services effectively.

2. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

This notice is issued in terms of, and compliance is required with, the following legislation:

LEGISLATION	APPLICATION
Business Act 71 of 1991	Regulates the carrying on of certain businesses and the licensing of street traders and other business operators.
Companies Act 71 of 2008	Governs the registration, operation, and accountability of companies and close corporations operating in South Africa.
Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000	Empowers municipalities to regulate and manage business activities within their jurisdiction in the public interest.
Local Government: Municipal Structures Act 117 of 1998	Establishes the functions and powers of municipalities, including economic regulation and local business oversight.

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Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003 (MFMA)	Governs financial accountability and requires municipalities to maintain accurate records of all economic activities within their area.
Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008	Protect consumers and require businesses to be registered and accountable.
Street Trading By-Law Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality	Regulates all informal and street trading activities within the municipal area.

3. WHO MUST REGISTER

ALL businesses, traders, professionals, and operators conducting any commercial, trading, professional, or industrial activity within the jurisdiction of Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality are required to register. This includes, but is not limited to:

Healthcare & Professional Services	Medical practitioners (doctors, dentists, pharmacists, optometrists), lawyers, advocates, accountants, auditors, consultants, and all other registered professionals operating within the municipal area.
Street Traders & Informal Traders	All hawkers, street traders, market vendors, and informal traders operating in public spaces, streets, and designated trading areas.
Retail & Wholesale	All retail shops, general dealers, supermarkets, wholesalers, clothing stores, hardware stores, and related businesses.
Food & Hospitality	Restaurants, fast food outlets, caterers, taverns, shebeens, bed & breakfast establishments, guesthouses, and hotels.
Spaza Shops & Informal Food Traders	All spaza shops, tuck shops, and informal food and beverage traders regardless of size or trading location.
Manufacturing & Industry	All factories, processing plants, agro-processors, light and heavy manufacturing enterprises, and industrial operators.

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Construction & Contractors	All building contractors, civil engineering companies, plumbing, electrical, and construction-related businesses and subcontractors.
Transport & Logistics	Taxi operators, bus operators, freight and logistics companies, and all transport-related businesses operating within the municipal area.
Agriculture & Agro-processing	Farmers, agro-processors, cooperatives, and any agricultural businesses selling products or operating commercially within the municipality.
Financial & Insurance Services	Banks, micro-lenders, insurance brokers, stokvels operating as businesses, and financial service providers.
Other Commercial Activities	Any other person or entity conducting a commercial, trading, or income-generating activity within the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality jurisdiction.

4. REGISTRATION DEADLINE

<p>REGISTRATION DEADLINE</p> <p>30 OCTOBER 2026</p> <p>All businesses must be registered within six (6) months from the date of this notice (2026). 30 APRIL 2026</p>
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WHERE TO REGISTER

Businesses may register at the following offices of Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality:

OFFICE	LACATION	SERVICE AVAILABLE
Business Registration Centre (Main Office)	LED Unit, Municipal Offices, Burgersfort	Full registration, processing and issuing of certificates
Apel Municipal Offices	Apel, Fetakgomo Tubatse	Application submission and enquiries (applications forwarded to Burgersfort for processing)

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6. CONSEQUENCES OF NON-REGISTRATION

Any business, trader, or operator that fails to register by the stipulated deadline of 25 September 2026 shall be subject to the following enforcement measures in terms of applicable legislation:

- Imposition of fines and penalties as prescribed under the Business Act 71 of 1991 and the FTLM Street Trading By-law
- Referral to the South African Police Service (SAPS) and relevant regulatory authorities for prosecution
- Closure and sealing of unregistered business premises by authorised municipal law enforcement officers
- Confiscation of goods and equipment used in the conduct of an unregistered business
- Blacklisting from future municipal procurement and business support programmes
- Any other enforcement action permissible under applicable national and municipal legislation.

The Municipality wishes to emphasize that these measures are not punitive in intent but are aimed at ensuring a safe, regulated, and equitable business environment for all residents and operators of Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality.

7. ENQUIRIES AND FURTHER INFORMATION

For enquiries regarding business registration, please contact:

UNIT	Local Economic Development (LED) Unit
DIRECTOR	SM Mkabela or Maroga GRN
EMAIL	smmkabela@ftlm.gov.za or grnmaroga@ftlm.gov.za
PHYSICAL ADDRESS	Municipal Offices, 1 Kastania Street, Burgersfort, 1150
OFFICE HOURS	Monday to Friday: 07:30 – 16:00

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