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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**

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**BROADCASTING DIGITAL MIGRATION POLICY (AS AMENDED):****FINAL NOTIFICATION OF THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS OF SET TOP BOXES**

Noting the Constitutional Court judgment in the matter between e.tv (Pty) Limited v the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies, Case: CCT 89/22 delivered on 28 June 2022, I, **Khumbudzo Ntshavheni**, Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies, hereby, in accordance with section 85(2)(c) of the Constitution, 1996 read with the Broadcasting Digital Migration Policy hereby notify members of public that 30 September 2022 is the final deadline for application of Government subsidized Set Top Boxes (STBs).

After the Constitutional Court has accepted that subsidized Set-Top-Boxes can only be provided to those who apply and qualify for such assistance, this announcement is made to augment previous calls for applications of Government subsidized Set-Top-Boxes. The calls for applications for Government subsidized Set-Top-Boxes commenced in October 2015 and I previously set a provisional deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. This Notice also serve to clarify that whereas the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 deadline was provisional as qualifying households could still apply for STBs after the analogue switch-off date, the date of the 30 September 2022 is the final date for applications and no new applications will be accepted after this date.

This is the last opportunity to further afford qualifying members of the public a chance to apply for Government subsidized Set-Top-Box. The 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 as final date for applications gives members of the public sufficient time to register and have their Set-Top-Boxes installed before the analogue switch off date. I will determine the Analogue Switch Off date based on, amongst others, the number of applications received and the Department's capacity to install a Set-Top-Box for everyone who would have applied by the closing date except as an outcome of force majeure.

I therefore urge members of the public (indigent households) earning a monthly income of R3500 or less, to register for Set Top Boxes on or before 30 September 2022. Members of the public are encouraged to visit their nearest Post Office to register or utilise the online registration process at [www.stbregistration.gov.za](http://www.stbregistration.gov.za). Should any other additional registration places be required, same will be

communicated with the public before the closing date. Should a member of the public experience difficulties with registration, the numbers listed below can be contacted for assistance:

Telephone number: 0860 736 832

WhatsApp number: 0600 625 458

Any inquiries pertaining to this matter can be addressed to:

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