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PSA criticises driver's license renewal deadline 2022-Apr-30 07:09 Source: Supplied - By Mpho Manyapelo Only a week remains until the final deadline for those who haven't renewed their driving licenses that expired between March 26, 2020, and August 31, 2021. Transport Minister ,Fikile Mbalula, has announced that motorists have until May 5 to renew their driving license cards. His announcement was met with criticism from the Public Servants Association (PSA), who chastised him for making a hasty decision in the face of a backlog of motorists who were unable to renew their licences due to system failures at various licensing departments. PSA spokesperson ,Reuben Maleka, said the country still has around 1.3 million motorists with expired driver's licenses. "It must be noted that over and above this figure of licenses that expired on or before 31 August 2021, there are those whose licenses expired after the period and are also visiting stations to renew their licenses. "The extension of daily operating times by two hours and working during weekends will not necessarily assist as it is known that departments are not capacitated in terms of human resources. The problem is exacerbated by an inefficient system which is either offline most of the time or very slow, affecting the speed at which people can be assisted. There are long queues where chaos generally occurs which results in people having to revisit the stations on several occasions before they can be assisted, "said Maleka. The changes come as the government works to eliminate a backlog of expired driver's licenses caused mostly by a lengthy period of hard lockdown.... [View the entire article here](#)

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