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The Court Managers  
Gauteng Magistrates Courts

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **LPC IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR LEGAL PRACTITIONERS**

The Legal Practice Council has received enquiries from Magistrates and legal practitioners regarding the LPC's digital identity card, issued to legal practitioners for purposes of identifying themselves when attending to matters at various Courts.

It appears that some Magistrates Courts are hesitant to accept the digital identity card and also requires of practitioners to present a hard copy of their admission certificates and Fidelity Fund certificates.

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the matter, with a view to ensuring uniformity in the Courts regarding the identification of legal practitioners and to convey the relevant information to presiding officers and the Courts generally.

The digital identity card system was introduced by the LPC in January 2022, when the annexed notice was issued by the LPC. Since that date, **no** manual/hard copy identity cards are issued.

The digital identity card contains the following information of the practitioner:

- a photograph of the legal practitioner
- the practitioner's LPC registration number
- the practitioner's designation (attorney/advocate)
- the practitioner's full names and surname
- the firm where the practitioner is practising
- an indication whether the practitioner is practising or not
- a unique QR code.

On application by a practitioner to be issued with a digital identity card, the information on the LPC database (roll) is checked and verified and updated in real time. Accordingly, the Courts can rely on the correctness thereof at all times.

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We submit that the digital identity card is secure and reliable and that it is therefore not necessary for the Courts to also insist on hard copies of a practitioner's admission certificate and/or Fidelity Fund certificate, as compliance with these requirements is verified as part of the verification process applied by the Legal Practice Council when an application for the digital card is processed.

Without being prescriptive, the Court's presiding officers may wish to apply a uniform, standardised approach by accepting only the digital identity card issued by the LPC, as secure and sufficient proof of a legal practitioner's identity and registration with the LPC.

I trust that the above information is of assistance to you. You are welcome to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully

**I W BRIEL**  
**DIRECTOR**



20 January 2022

### **Digital Identity Cards available for Legal Practitioners**

The Legal Practice Council is pleased to inform you that the Digital Identity Cards (digital ID cards) are now available. This is part of our efforts to allow for easy, secure and efficient identification of legal practitioners. Practitioners are encouraged to obtain the digital ID cards, but the current physical cards will remain valid until their date of expiry.

#### *Application for digital ID cards*

Practitioners can apply for the digital ID card by clicking on the link below:

<https://lpc.org.za/legal-practitioners/identity-card-application/>

- A nominal fee of R50.00 is required for each application (online payments only) and the digital ID cards are valid for 12 months.
- Once registered, practitioners will be able to safely store the digital cards on their phone's secure wallet (available on Android or iOS devices).
- An option to print the digital ID card is also available when registering online.

#### *Verification of cards by 3rd parties*

- Clients, individuals or organisations seeking to verify the digital ID cards can do so by logging into the LPC website and scanning the QR code of the digital ID cards.
- Please note that should the status of the practitioner change, the digital ID cards will automatically update and to reflect the current status. If a practitioner is suspended or struck off, the digital ID will be withdrawn within 24 hours,

Any queries regarding the digital ID cards can be directed to the respective LPC provincial councils and support for technical issues can be requested through the link below:

<https://lpc.org.za/legal-practitioners/identity-card-application-copy/log-support-ticket/>

An easy-to-read guide about the digital ID cards can be accessed on the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B9ccpi1xqReKJlvs0j9-ndAlwKgVveYM/view?usp=sharing>



The digital cards will assist practitioners to satisfy clients and the courts of their current status.

Legal practitioners are therefore encouraged to obtain a digital ID card.

The LPC is committed to continuously enhancing the standards of the legal profession, while regulating the affairs of and exercising jurisdiction over all legal practitioners in a highly professional manner.

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