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National Lotteries Commission Extends Closing Date for Call for Applications 2024/25 Financial Year

Tshwane, 25 March 2025 – The National Lotteries Commission (NLC) announces an extension of the closing date for funding applications for the 2024/25 Call for Applications. The deadline has been moved from 31 March 2025 to **16 May 2025**, allowing more time for prospective applicants to complete their submissions.

This extension has been granted due to several factors, including:

- A significant increase in civil society organizations visiting NLC offices nationwide.
- Backlogs in updating applicants' information on the Department of Social Development (DSD) Portal.
- High volumes of inquiries received through the NLC's contact center and social media platforms.
- Large numbers of applicants still requiring assistance at NLC help desk sessions across nationwide.

NLC Commissioner Jodi Scholtz urges all stakeholders to take advantage of this extension and ensure their organizations' profiles are updated with the Department of Social Development (DSD) before submitting applications and to proceed to lodge their application as soon as possible rather than waiting for the final deadline

Important Notice: There will be no **further extensions** for the 2024/25 call for applications beyond the **16 May 2025** deadline. All interested organizations must kindly complete their applications by this date.

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