Suspension of Busking Activities till 1 June 2020

NAC will be extending the suspension of all busking activities at designated and trial locations till 1 June 2020 (inclusive). This is in line with the Multi-Ministry Taskforce's announcement on 21 April 2020 to extend the circuit breaker period till 1 June 2020 (inclusive) to stem the spread of COVID-19.

Please do not engage in any busking activities during this period; buskers who are found in breach will have their busking cards revoked immediately.

As part of the <u>Arts and Culture Resilience Package</u> announced on 7 April, there are additional support measures put in place to protect livelihoods, help businesses overcome immediate challenges and strengthen economic and social resilience.

NAC has also enhanced its <u>Capability Development Scheme for the Arts</u> (CDSA) including increasing the funding level for arts organisations and SEPs and extending the training programmes to take place until 31 December 2020. With these enhancements, the application window has also been extended to 30 June 2020.

Youth buskers who are keen to explore eBusking during the circuit breaker period, can do so by registering their interest with *SCAPE.

In view of the above, validity of busking cards will also be extended by an additional month – bringing the extension of busking card validity to 4 months. NAC will automatically extend the validity of busking cards according to the table below. Please note that this notice will supersede communications sent out on 6 April 2020.

Busking card expiring on	Revised Busking Card expiry date
22 May 2020	22 September 2020
25 May 2020	25 September 2020
31 August 2020	31 December 2020
29 November 2020	29 March 2021
5 December 2020	5 April 2021
14 December 2020	14 April 2021
22 February 2021	22 June 2021
11 March 2021	11 July 2021
22 May 2021	22 September 2021
31 August 2021	30 December 2021
29 November 2021	29 March 2022
5 December 2021	5 April 2022
11 March 2022	11 July 2022

NAC will continue to monitor the situation, and review the busking card validity accordingly.