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## DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

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**EXTENSION OF THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC  
COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REVISED WHITE PAPER ON CITIZENSHIP, IMMIGRATION  
AND REFUGEE PROTECTION**

On 12 December 2025, the Department of Home Affairs (the “DHA”) invited the public to submit comments on the Draft Revised White Paper on Citizenship, Immigration and Refugee Protection. The DHA gazetted **31 January 2026** as the closing date for the submission of public comments.

The Department has since received requests from various organisations and individuals to extend the closing date. In the spirit of inclusivity and broader public participation, the closing date for the submission of public comments is hereby extended to **15 February 2026**.

The Draft Revised White Paper on CIRP, together with the questionnaire, can be downloaded from the DHA website ([www.dha.gov.za](http://www.dha.gov.za)). Written submissions may be forwarded to the DHA in any of the following ways:

- (a) delivered by hand to the Department of Home Affairs, 230 Johannes Ramokhoase Street, Hallmark Building, Pretoria, 0001, for the **attention** of Mr Sihle Mthiyane or Ms Diketso Ratau;
- (b) mailed to the DHA at Private Bag X114, Pretoria, 0001; or
- (c) e-mailed to [whitepaper@dha.gov.za](mailto:whitepaper@dha.gov.za).

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