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## **PROVINCIAL TREASURY CIRCULAR NO. 53 OF 2026**

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**TO:**  
**DIRECTOR GENERAL: OFFICE OF THE PREMIER OF MPUMALANGA**  
**HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS**

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**SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF CIRCULAR NO. 61 OF 2025 – END OF SUPPORT FOR WINDOWS 10 AND EARLIER VERSIONS**

### **1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this communication is to remind Departments of the requirement to replace or upgrade computers that does not meet the minimum requirements for Windows 11 operating system (OS), in line with the directives issued by Provincial Treasury.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

Following Provincial Treasury Circular No. 61 of 2025, dated 27 September 2025, departments were advised of the end of support for Windows 10 (OS) and earlier operating systems.

As outlined in the circular, support for Windows 10 (OS) ended on 14 October 2025. Since that date, systems running Windows 10 (OS) no longer receive security updates, patches, or technical support. The continued use of unsupported operating systems exposes departments to significant cybersecurity risks, may adversely affect system performance and reliability, and could result in non-compliance with applicable ICT governance and security standards.

### **3. ACTION REQUIRED**

Departments are required to ensure that all computers are running Windows 11 (OS) by 31 March 2027.

To achieve this, departments required to:

- Assess existing computers to determine their compatibility with Windows 11 (OS) and upgrade all eligible computers.
- Develop and implement replacement plans for computers that cannot be upgraded to Windows 11 (OS) within the stipulated timeframe.
- Ensure that all new procurements comply with the latest minimum hardware and software specifications.

- Maintain compliance with approved antivirus solutions and cybersecurity standards.

Failure to address unsupported computers may increase exposure to cybersecurity threats, cause service disruptions, and result in restricted access to government systems and services.

#### 4. SUPPORT AND LIAISON

For assistance with system upgrades, replacements, or compliance matters, departments may contact the IT Service Desk on: Tel: 013 766 4444 / 4260 or Email: [ndhlovurb@mpg.gov.za](mailto:ndhlovurb@mpg.gov.za) / [LukheleH@mpg.gov.za](mailto:LukheleH@mpg.gov.za)



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