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## **Notarial Acts**

Consular Officers in commonwealth countries have no general powers, under the Commissioners for Oaths Act 1889, to issue Certificates this includes Certificates of No Impediment, certify documents, take oaths, affidavits, write letters etc., which will be effectual in the united Kingdom. This also includes attesting to the validity of British driving licences issued by the Department of Vehicle Licencing in the United Kingdom.

As South Africa is a member of the commonwealth, the British High Commission in Pretoria is not in a position to comply with the request for a letter. You would therefore need to certify copies with a Notary/Commissioner of Oaths or have the validity of the certificate/documents attested by the issuing authority.

We are sorry that we cannot be of more assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Consider Section

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