
INDEPENDENT REGULATORY BOARD FOR AUDITORS

INFORMATION FROM SARS

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Dear Tax Practitioner

Please note that SARS has opened all Contact Centre queues and are now servicing tax practitioners and SMME queries.

EMP501s

It has been brought to SARS attention that in the submission of the EMP501's in instances where a directive was issued on eFiling and the directive is validated, there are instances where, even though the date on IRP5 is the same as the date of the letter of directive, an error message is given which states "Employment Taxes failed validation file: Invalid directive date issued"

SARS has advised that the above error impacts a very limited number of submissions and that those impacted can simply ignore the error message.

The information comes directly from SARS and is shared by the IRBA in its capacity as a Recognised Controlling Body.

For any enquiries, please contact SARS directly.

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About the IRBA

The objective of the IRBA is to endeavour to protect the financial interests of the South African public and international investors in South Africa through the effective and appropriate regulation of audits conducted by registered auditors, in accordance with internationally recognised standards and processes.