

What's New at SARS

Mobile Tax Units

26 August 2022 – September and October [Mobile tax unit schedules](#) for Western Cape.

Email services unavailable Saturday, 27 August 08:00 to 14:00

26 August 2022 – Due to ongoing maintenance on the Email infrastructure on Saturday, 27 August 2022 from 08:00 to 14:00 some of the email and related services may be delayed during this time. Our apologies for the inconvenience.

Media statement on Gold Leaf Tobacco

26 August 2022 – SARS welcomes an order by the North Gauteng High Court granting a preservation order in terms of section 163 of the Tax Administration Act No. 28 of 2011 against Gold Leaf Tobacco Corporation and its directors, Messrs Rudland and Adamjee. SARS has been investigating and clamping down on the illicit economy focusing on tobacco, gold and fuel industry over the last year, and this is one of the many enforcement steps executed by SARS.

SARS is harnessing its capabilities to make non-compliance with legal tax obligations hard and costly to those who are engaged in this criminal pursuit. The preservation order is obtained to prevent realisable assets from being dissipated thus frustrating the collection of taxes.

“The conduct of non-compliant taxpayers is depriving Government of legitimate resources to the prejudice of both the State and the South African public. In aggressively addressing this scourge, SARS will continue to pursue its mandate without fear, favour or prejudice,” says SARS Commissioner, Mr. Edward Kieswetter.

For further information, please contact SARSMEDIA@sars.gov.za

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Letter to trade – Updating of registration or licensing details of existing customs clients on RLA System

26 August 2022 – It is a legislative requirement that all Customs and Excise registrants and licencees update their company or individual details, whichever the case may be, captured on the South African Revenue Service's (SARS) Customs and Excise register. As you may be aware, SARS launched a new self-service automated system in 2020 to make it easier for stakeholders and intermediaries to register or license for Customs and Excise purposes. The Registration, Licensing and Accreditation (RLA) system has undergone various enhancements since its launch and SARS is now able to migrate all clients, previously registered or licensed on through the manual process, to the RLA system. This will ensure that the Customs and Excise register is electronic and that these client types have access to a fully automated self-service facility. For more information see our [letter to Trade](#).

Legal Counsel Publications – Find a Guide – Value-Added Tax (VAT)

25 August 2022 – Value-Added Tax Act, 1991

- [VAT Reference Guide for Foreign Donor Funded Projects \(Issue 2\)](#)

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Media Release – SARS to appeal judgement

24 August 2022 – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) has noted the Labour Court judgement of 22 August 2022 on the matter between Mashilo and Seremane v the Commissioner of SARS. The matter relates to an incident that dates back to 2015 during the tenure of the former Commissioner.

After studying the judgement, SARS, on the advice of counsel, has opted to note an appeal against the above judgment. SARS believes that the court made a material error in arriving at its conclusion. In this regard, SARS believes that another court will come to a different conclusion given what is at issue.

SARS will not be commenting further beyond this statement.

For further information, please contact SARSMedia@sars.gov.za.

Tenders

24 August 2022 – RFP14/2022: Appointment of a service provider(s) for the provision of onsite document storage reduction services for Cape Town and Johannesburg processing centres for the period of twenty-four (24) months

- [Briefing session presentation](#)
- [Questions and answers](#)

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23 August 2022 – August [Mobile tax unit schedules for Limpopo](#).

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23 August 2022 – September [Mobile tax unit schedules](#) for North West

Customs Weekly List of Unentered Goods

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Updated Trusts Guide

19 August 2022 – The [comprehensive guide for Trusts](#) has been updated with minor changes, which include the following:

- If the return is to be submitted at a SARS branch by virtual appointment. A taxpayer engagement will be initiated by appointments received through the eBooking Service.
- Taxpayers can use the eBooking case number to upload the required supporting documents via the SARS Online Query System (SOQS).
- An ADR1 (objection) or ADR2 (Appeal) form must be submitted to SARS via the Branch office, post, or SARS email (contactus@sars.co.za or pcc@sars.gov.za).

- Where the objection was in the form of an ADR1, the Notification of the outcome of the objection and the Notice of Assessment (where applicable) will be made available manually via email / post.
- A Trust cannot utilise the Notice of Objection (NOO)/Notice of Appeal (NOA) form.

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19 August 2022 – RFP54/2021: [Questions and answers](#)



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