

What's New at SARS

Date	What is it?	What is it about?
03/09/2021	Legal Counsel – Preparation of Legislation – Draft Documents for Public Comment	<p>3 September 2021 – Customs & Excise Act, 1964: Draft amendment to rules under sections 19, 60 and 120 – CCTV cameras</p> <p>Due date for public comment: 3 October 2021</p>
02/09/2021	Third Party Data Submissions	<p>1 September 2021 – Third Party Data Bi-Annual Submissions 2021: 1 September 2021 – 31 October 2021: Now Open!</p> <p>The SARS Third Party Data Bi-Annual Submissions process for the period 1 March 2021 – 31 August 2021 opens on 01 September 2021 and will close on 31 October 2021.</p> <p>Submissions in respect of data files and declarations of the various reportable data types as detailed per Table 1 are now due.</p> <p>In this submissions period, we are implementing the updated IT3 business requirement specification (version 3.0.0-32) that is effective for reporting due 31 October 2021 onwards.</p> <p>Our trade testing platform is now open, you may begin testing your files. We highly recommend the use of the trade testing window to appropriately validated and check you file structures comply to the required standards.</p> <p>Table 1: Bi-annual Submissions Timelines 2021:</p>

Data Type:	Trade Testing Submission Period:	Production Submission Period:	Applicable Business Requirement Specification (BRS):
IT3 (b, c, e, s)	1 – 17 September 2021 (NOW OPEN!)	20 September 2021 – 31 October 2021	SARS External BRS 2020 IT3s v3.0.0-32 (Nb. New Version!)
Medical			SARS External BRS Medical Scheme Contributions (MSC) v1.0.3
Insurance		-	SARS External BRS – Insurance Payments (INS) v1.0.3
Automatic Exchange of Information (FATCA & CRS)			SARS External BRS 2016 Automatic Exchange of Information v 2 0 0-25

Should you experience any challenges while making your submissions, you are welcome to contact us by emailing SARS Third Party Data Support (Bus_Sys_CDSupport@sars.gov.za).

Please follow the SARS [Third Party Data Submissions Platform webpage](#) to be kept up to date on changes and communication in relation to SARS 3rd Party Data.

01/09/2021	Corporate Income Tax (CIT)	1 September 2021 – Corporate Income Tax (CIT): Form and system changes to be introduced from 10 September 2021
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		On 10 September 2021, SARS will introduce form and system changes to the Income Tax Return for Companies (ITR14) and the Notice of Assessment for Companies (ITA34C). A limited number of source code descriptions will also be updated, read more .
31/08/2021	Latest Tax Practitioner newsletter now available	31 August 2021 – The latest Tax Practitioner Connect Newsletter issue 24 deals with a few topics including Emergency Tax relief measures, How to claim donations made to the Solidarity Fund, Interim dispute process and dispute resolution for PAYE penalties, Turn-around times for verifications, Risks of using unregistered individuals posing as tax practitioners and SARS’s new self-help SMS service for taxpayers. For this and more, see the Tax Practitioner Connect Newsletter issue 24 .
31/08/2021	Tenders	31 August 2021 – Questions and answers for RFI0052/2021: Performance Management Solution.
31/08/2021	Tenders	31 August 2021 – The Main Document and Mandatory Response Template for RFP15/2021 – Procurement and Support of the PADS4 Video and Digital Signage Solution (Smart Displays) for 34 SARS have been replaced. Communication #2 has been published.
31/08/2021	Trade Statistics for July 2021	31 August 2021 – SARS today released trade statistics for July 2021 recording a preliminary trade balance surplus of R36.96 billion. The R36.96 billion preliminary trade balance surplus for July 2021 is attributable to exports of R145.01 billion and imports of R108.04 billion. Exports decreased by R18.33 billion (11.2%) between June and July 2021 and imports decreased by R0.81 billion (0.7%) over the same period. See the full Media Release here. Or visit the Trade Statistics webpage .
30/08/2021	Legal Counsel – Legal Counsel Publications – Find a	30 August 2021 – General: Taxation in South Africa 2021

	Guide – General	
30/08/2021	Legal Counsel – Legal Counsel Publications – Find a Guide – Income Tax	30 August 2021 – Income Tax Act, 1962: Guide on Income Tax and the Individual (2020/21)