As a Small, Micro or Medium Enterprise (SMME), at some point or another you will be required to provide / confirm / share your Tax Clearance information with another entity. This could be to apply for a tender, new contract, good standing or in respect of Foreign Investment. Your Tax Clearance information can be obtained via the Tax Compliance Status system.

**What is the Tax Compliance Status system?**

Tax Compliance Status (TCS) replaced the Tax Clearance Certificate system which was previously used by SARS.

The new TCS system allows you to obtain a TCS PIN in real-time, instead of a manual Tax Certificate.

Remember! Your tax compliance status is not static as it changes in line with your tax behaviour, and can impact your business opportunities.

**What do I need to be tax compliant?**

To be tax compliant, you should make sure that:

- You are registered for all required tax types
- You submit all your tax returns on time
- Pay all your tax debt on time

**How to obtain a TCS PIN via eFiling?**

Make sure you have Adobe Flash installed and enabled on your computer or laptop. Visit www.adobe.com to download.

1. **Logon to eFiling**
   - If you are not yet an eFiler, register at www.sarsefiling.co.za.
   - You need to be registered for eFiling and have one tax type activated on your eFiling profile, in order to activate the TCS service.

2. **Activate your TCS service**
   - You only need to activate your Tax Compliance Status once, and it will remain active. Once you have activated the service, you will see the “My Compliance Profile” on the screen.
   - If you are registered for more than one tax type and you have not yet merged the tax types into one registered profile, it is recommended that you complete the “Merge Entities” function to see a compliance profile of all taxes.

3. **View your “My Compliance Profile”**
   - Your compliance status will be displayed against the following compliance requirements:
     - Registration status
     - Submission of returns
     - Debt
     - Relevant supporting documents.
   - A colour-coded profile will appear to indicate whether you are tax compliant for each compliance requirement listed above.

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