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30/11/2006	BGR 1	VAT rulings	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Section 41(c)	
01/01/2007	BGR 2	General written rulings and decisions	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 41 and 72	
04/12/2007	BGR 3	Transitional arrangements for municipalities: Returns and payments of tax in respect of supplies which became taxable for the first time during the transition period	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 28 and 72	
27/03/2015	BGR 4 (Issue 3)	Apportionment methodology to be applied by a municipality	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Section 1(1) - Definition of "input tax"	Issue 1 dd 21/01/2010 Issue 2 dd 25/03/2013
25/03/2011	BGR 5	Discounts, rebates and incentives in the motor industry	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 1, 20 and 21	
19/06/2012	BGR 6 (Issue 2)	Discounts, rebates and incentives in the fast moving consumable goods industry	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 1, 20 and 21	
02/11/2012	BGR 7	Wear-and-tear or depreciation allowance	Income Tax Act, 1962	Section 11(e)	
04/12/2012	BGR 8 (Issue 2)	Application of the principles enunciated by the <i>Brummeria</i> case	Income Tax Act, 1962	Section 1(1), Definition of "gross income"	Issue 1 dd 11/04/2011
03/02/2017	BGR 9 (Issue 3)	Taxes on income and substantially similar taxes for purposes of South Africa's tax treaties	Income Tax Act, 1962	Various sections	Issue 1 dd 19/09/2011 Issue 2 dd 19/02/2013
	BGR 10	Apportionment methodology to be applied by Category B Municipalities— <b>Withdrawn by BGR 4 (Issue 2) of 25 March 2013</b>			
23/02/2016	BGR 11 (Issue 2)	Use of an exchange rate	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 9, 10 and 20	Issue 1 dd 01/09/2012
25/02/2016	BGR 12 (Issue 2)	Input tax on the acquisition of a non-taxable supply of second-hand motor vehicles by motor dealers	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Section 1(1) - Definition of "input tax"	Issue 1 dd 01/04/2013
26/03/2014	BGR 13 (Issue 2)	Calculation of VAT for certain betting transactions	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 8(13), 16(3)(d), 16(4) and 72	Issue 1 dd 22/03/2013
18/03/2016	BGR 14 (Issue 2)	VAT treatment of specific supplies in the short-term insurance industry	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 1(1), 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 20, 21, 54 and 72	Issue 1 dd 26/03/2013

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30/03/2015	BGR 16 (Issue 2)	Standard apportionment method <b>Issue 2:</b> The period for making an adjustment has been extended from three to six months (see item 2 under Conditions)	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Section 17(1) - Apportionment	Issue 1 dd 25/03/2013
27/03/2013	BGR 17	Cancellation of registration of separate enterprises, branches and divisions	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 1(1), 8(2) and 50	
	BGR 18	The zero-rating of various types of dates  Withdrawn by BGR 38 of 23 January 2017			
10/03/2014	BGR 19 (Issue 2)	Approval to end a tax period on a day other than the end of the month	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Section 27(6)	Issue 1 dd 30/04/2013
13/11/2018	BGR 20 (Issue 3)	Interpretation of the term "substantially the whole"	Income Tax Act, 1962  Transfer Duty Act, 1949	Sections 10(1)(cN), 10(1)(cO), 10(1)(cQ), 30B and 30C, and paragraphs 63A and 63B of the Eighth Schedule to the Income Tax Act;  Section 9(1)(c) of the Transfer Duty Act	Issue 1 dd 10/12/2013 Issue 2 dd 20/01/2016
11/03/2014	BGR 21	Address to be reflected on a tax invoice, credit and debit note	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 20(4), (5), (5A) and section 21(3), (8)	
26/03/2014	BGR 22	Subsistence allowance – amounts deemed to be expended for business purposes	Income Tax Act, 1962	Section 8(1)(a) and (c)	
26/03/2014	BGR 23	Travel allowance – fuel cost to an employee who receives a petrol or garage card	Income Tax Act, 1962	Section 8(1)(b)(ii) and (iii)	
15/02/2016	BGR 24 (Issue 2)	Section 18A(2) receipt for purposes of a deduction as contemplated in section 37C(3) and (5)	Income Tax Act, 1962	Section 18A and 37C(3)	Issue 1 dd 02/09/2014

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16/03/2017	BGR 25 (Issue 2)	Exemption – Foreign pensions <b>BGR applies from date of issue until 4 October 2018</b>	Income Tax Act, 1962	Section 10(1)(gC)(ii)	Issue 1 dd 14/11/2014
12/03/2015	BGR 26	VAT treatment of the supply and importation of herbs	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 11(1)(j) and 13(3), paragraph 7(a) of Schedule 1 and Item 12 in Part B of Schedule 2	
26/03/2015	BGR 27	Application of sections 20(7) and 21(5)	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 20(4), (5), (7), 21(1) and (5)	
23/02/2016	BGR 28 (Issue 2)	Electronic services	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 20, 21 and 65	Issue 1 dd 26/03/2015
01/02/2017	BGR 29 (Issue 2)	Unbundling transactions: Meaning of "as at the end of the day after that distribution"	Income Tax Act, 1962	Section 46(3)(a)(v)	Issue 1 dd 20/08/2015
07/01/2016	BGR 30	Allocation of direct and indirect expenses within and between an insurer's funds	Income Tax Act, 1962	Section 29A	
23/05/2017	BGR 31 (Issue 2)	Interest on late payment of benefits	Income Tax Act, 1962	Second Schedule	Issue 1 dd 04/03/2016
18/03/2016	BGR 32	VAT treatment of specific supplies in the short-term re-insurance industry	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 1(1), 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 20 and 21	
24/03/2016	BGR 33	The value-added tax treatment of the supply and importation of vegetable oil	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 11(1)(j) and 13(3), paragraph 7(a) of Schedule 1 and Item 14 in Part B of Schedule 2	
14/04/2016	BGR 34	Management of superannuation schemes: Long-term insurers	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 2(1)(i), 10(22A) and 72	
27/03/2016	BGR 35	The value-added tax treatment of the supply and importation of frozen potato products	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 11(1)(j) and 13(3), paragraph 7(a) of Schedule 1, Item 12 in Part B of Schedule 2	
24/10/2016	BGR 36	Circumstances prescribed by the Commissioner for the application of section 16(2)(g)	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Section 16(2)(g)	

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23/01/2017	BGR 38	The value-added tax treatment of the supply and importation of vegetables and fruit	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Sections 11(1)(j) and 13(3), paragraph 7(a) of Schedule 1, and Items 12 and 13 in Part B of Schedule 2	
26/07/2018	BGR 39 (Issue 2)	VAT treatment of municipalities affected by changes to municipal boundaries	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Section 8(28)	Issue 1 dd 27/01/2017
10/02/2017	BGR 40	Remuneration paid to non-executive directors <i>To be read with the Non-Executive Directors FAQs on BRGs 40 and 41</i>	Income Tax Act, 1962	Section 23(m) and the Fourth Schedule, paragraph (1), Definition of "remuneration"	
04/05/2017	BGR 41 (Issue 2)	VAT treatment of non-executive directors <i>To be read with the Non-Executive Directors FAQs on BRGs 40 and 41</i>	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Proviso (iii) to the definition of "enterprise" in section 1(1), and section 23(4)(b)	Issue 1 dd 10/02/2017
22/03/2017	BGR 42	No-value provision in respect of transport services	Income Tax Act, 1962	Paragraph 10(2)(b) of the Seventh Schedule	
12/09/2017	BGR 43	Deduction of input tax in respect of second-hand gold	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Section 1(1) Definitions of "input tax" and "second-hand goods"	
13/10/2017	BGR 44	Meaning of 160 hours for purposes of section 4(1)(b)	Employment Tax Incentive Act, 2013	Section 4(1)(b)	
01/11/2017	BGR 45	Supply of potatoes	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Section 11(1)(g) and 11(1)(j) together with Part A and Part B of Schedule 2	
27/11/2017	BGR 46	Supply of brown bread	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Section 11(1)(j) together with Part B of Schedule 2	
05/03/2018	BGR 47	Meaning of month in the definition of "monthly remuneration" for employers remunerating employees on a weekly or fortnightly basis	Employment Tax Incentive Act, 2013	Definition of "monthly remuneration" under section 1(1)	

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15/03/2019	BGR 49	The supply and importation of sanitary towels (pads)	Value-Added Tax Act, 1991	Section 11(1)(j) together with Item 22 of Part B of Schedule 2 and section 13(3) read with paragraph 7(a) of Schedule 1	
18/03/2019	BGR 50	No-value provision in respect of the rendering of transport services by any employer	Income Tax Act, 1962	Paragraph 10(2)(b) of the Seventh Schedule	

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03/02/2017	BGR 9 (Issue 3)	Taxes on income and substantially similar taxes for purposes of South Africa's tax treaties	Various sections	Issue 1 dd 19/09/2011 Issue 2 dd 19/02/2013
13/11/2018	BGR 20 (Issue 3)	Interpretation of the term "substantially the whole"	Sections 10(1)(cN), 10(1)(cO), 10(1)(cQ), 30B and 30C, and paragraphs 63A and 63B of the Eighth Schedule to the Income Tax Act;  Section 9(1)(c) of the Transfer Duty Act	Issue 1 dd 10/12/2013 Issue 2 dd 20/01/2016
26/03/2014	BGR 22	Subsistence allowance – amounts deemed to be expended for business purposes	Section 8(1)(a) and (c)	
26/03/2014	BGR 23	Travel allowance – fuel cost to an employee who receives a petrol or garage card	Section 8(1)(b)(ii) and (iii)	
15/02/2016	BGR 24 (Issue 2)	Section 18A(2) receipt for purposes of a deduction as contemplated in section 37C(3) and (5)	Section 18A and 37C(3)	Issue 1 dd 02/09/2014
16/03/2017	BGR 25 (Issue 2)	Exemption – Foreign pensions  <b>BGR applies from date of issue until 4 October 2018</b>	Section 10(1)(gC)(ii)	Issue 1 dd 14/11/2014
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07/01/2016	BGR 30	Allocation of direct and indirect expenses within and between an insurer's funds	Section 29A	
23/05/2017	BGR 31 (Issue 2)	Interest on late payment of benefits	Second Schedule	Issue 1 dd 04/03/2016
10/02/2017	BGR 40	Remuneration paid to non-executive directors  <b>To be read with the Non-Executive Directors FAQs on BRGs 40 and 41</b>	Section 23(m) and the Fourth Schedule, paragraph (1), Definition of "remuneration"	
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27/03/2015	BGR 4 (Issue 3)	Apportionment methodology to be applied by a municipality	Section 1(1) - Definition of "input tax"	Issue 1 dd 21/01/2010 Issue 2 dd 25/03/2013
25/03/2011	BGR 5	Discounts, rebates and incentives in the motor industry	Sections 1, 20 and 21	
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23/02/2016	BGR 11 (Issue 2)	Use of an exchange rate	Sections 9, 10 and 20	Issue 1 dd 01/09/2012
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27/03/2013	BGR 17	Cancellation of registration of separate enterprises, branches and divisions	Sections 1(1), 8(2) and 50	
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10/03/2014	BGR 19 (Issue 2)	Approval to end a tax period on a day other than the end of the month	Section 27(6)	Issue 1 dd 30/04/2013





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12/03/2015	BGR 26	VAT treatment of the supply and importation of herbs	Sections 11(1)(j) and 13(3), paragraph 7(a) of Schedule 1 and Item 12 in Part B of Schedule 2	
26/03/2015	BGR 27	Application of sections 20(7) and 21(5)	Sections 20(4), (5), (7), 21(1) and (5)	
23/02/2016	BGR 28 (Issue 2)	Electronic services	Sections 20, 21 and 65	Issue 1 dd 26/03/2015
18/03/2016	BGR 32	VAT treatment of specific supplies in the short-term re-insurance industry	Sections 1(1), 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 20 and 21	
24/03/2016	BGR 33	The value-added tax treatment of the supply and importation of vegetable oil	Sections 11(1)(j) and 13(3), paragraph 7(a) of Schedule 1 and Item 14 in Part B of Schedule 2	
14/04/2016	BGR 34	Management of superannuation schemes: Long-term insurers	Sections 2(1)(i), 10(22A) and 72	
27/03/2016	BGR 35	The value-added tax treatment of the supply and importation of frozen potato products	Sections 11(1)(j) and 13(3), paragraph 7(a) of Schedule 1, Item 12 in Part B of Schedule 2	
24/10/2016	BGR 36	Circumstances prescribed by the Commissioner for the application of section 16(2)(g)	Section 16(2)(g)	
12/12/2016	BGR 37	Zero-rating of international travel insurance	Sections 11 and 72	
23/01/2017	BGR 38	The value-added tax treatment of the supply and importation of vegetables and fruit	Sections 11(1)(j) and 13(3), paragraph 7(a) of Schedule 1, and Items 12 and 13 in Part B of Schedule 2	
26/07/2018	BGR 39 (Issue 2)	VAT treatment of municipalities affected by changes to municipal boundaries	Section 8(28)	Issue 1 dd 27/01/2017



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