



AIR PASSENGER TAX



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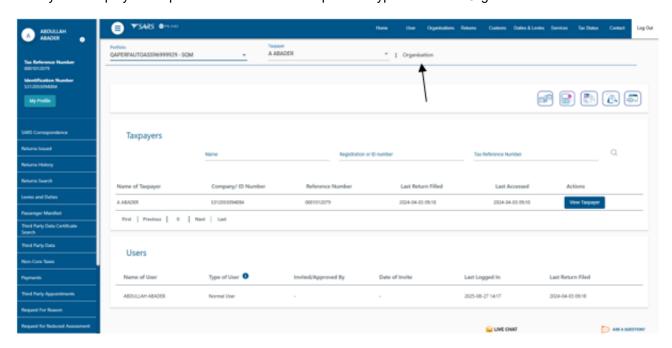
1 SUMMARY

- a) Every operator liable for Air Passenger Tax (APT) is required to file a return and make payment, in accordance with Section 47B (7).
- b) The requirements for return submission are described in APT-02.
- c) The accounting period is one (1) calendar month, commencing from the first day and ending on the last day of the month.
- d) Operators must submit their return and make payment, within twenty-one (21) days following the end of each accounting period. Where the last day for submission of the account and payment falls on a weekend or public holiday, the account and payment must be submitted on the last official working day before that day.
- e) All the operators / agents must be registered for eFiling as the submission of the payments and uploading of passenger manifests can only be made via eFiling.
- f) The operators / agents can now pay for the contravention's amounts stated on the letters using eFiling.
- g) For the licensing and registration requirements, refer to SC-CF-19.

2 APT REGISTRATION ON EFILING

2.1 Log in to eFiling

- a) The operator logs onto the eFiling platform as described in SC-CF-42.
- b) The system displays the operator's dashboard. The portfolio type reflects as Organisation.



 If operators are unable to access the eFiling service, they must contact the SARS Contact Centre for assistance.

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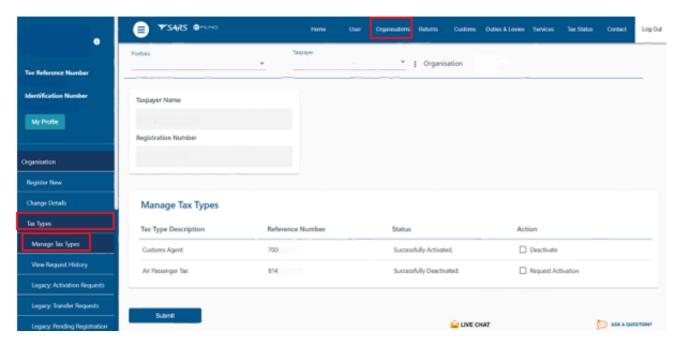
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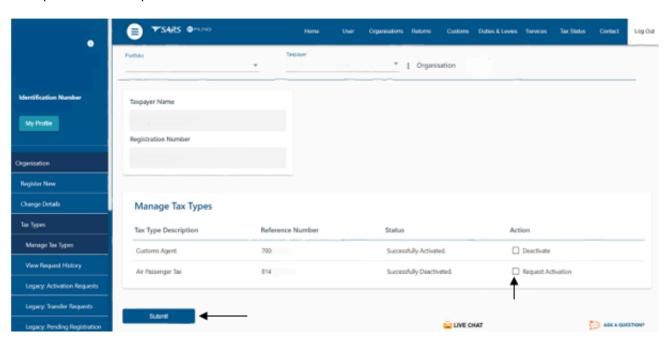


2.2 Activate APT Tax Type

- a) The APT tax type must be activated on eFiling to allow for the submission of returns.
- b) The operator selects:
 - i) Organisations;
 - ii) Tax types; and
 - iii) Manage tax types.

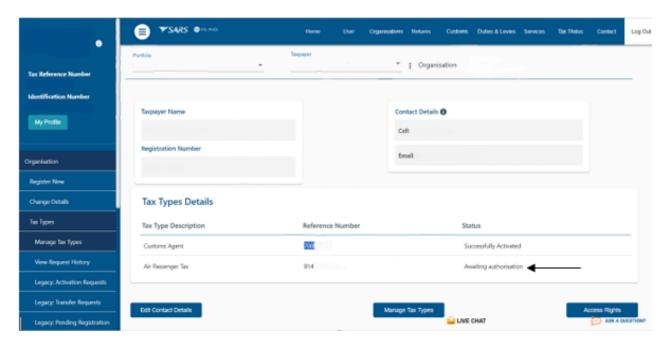


c) The operator ticks Request Activation and clicks the Submit button.

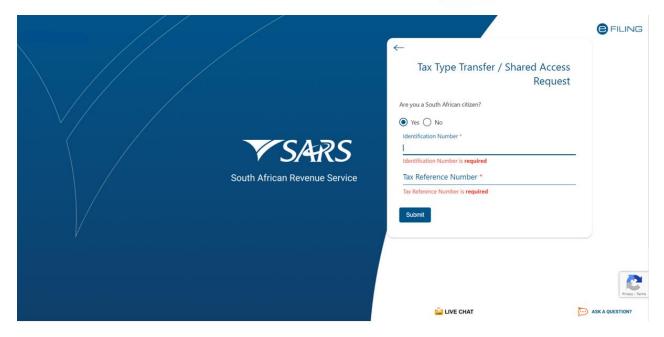




- d) The APT tax type will now be successfully activated (refer to sub-paragraph 2.2 (j))
- e) In instances where the tax type is activated by a representative of an operator, the activation request routed for authorisation.

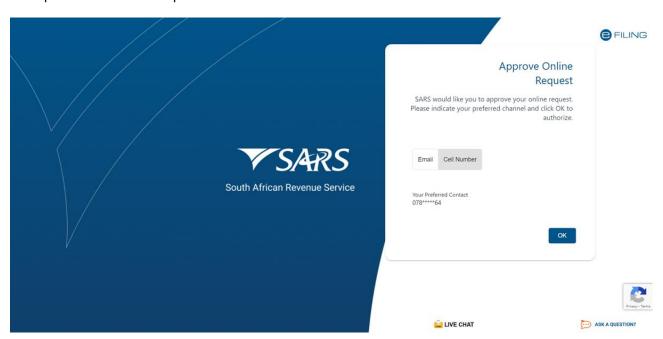


f) The operator is notified of the authorisation request via email and/or SMS. The operator logs in to the Tax Type Transfer/Shared Access Request.

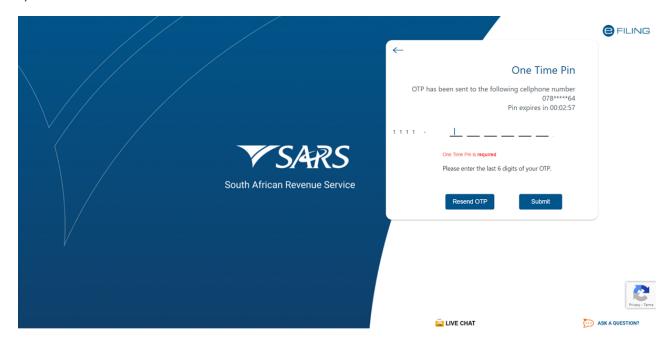




g) The operator chooses their preferred channel and clicks the Ok button.

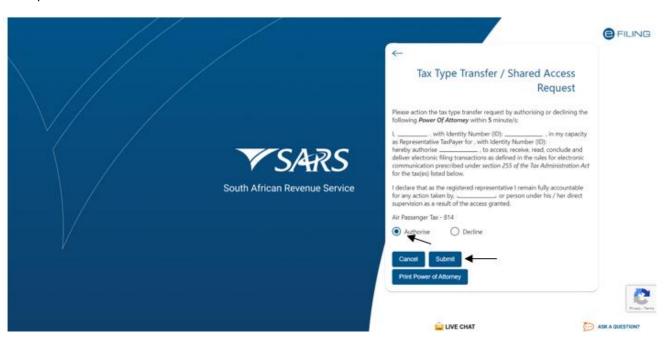


- h) A one-time pin (OTP) is sent to the chosen channel and the operator:
 - i) Captures the OTP; and
 - ii) Clicks the Submit button.

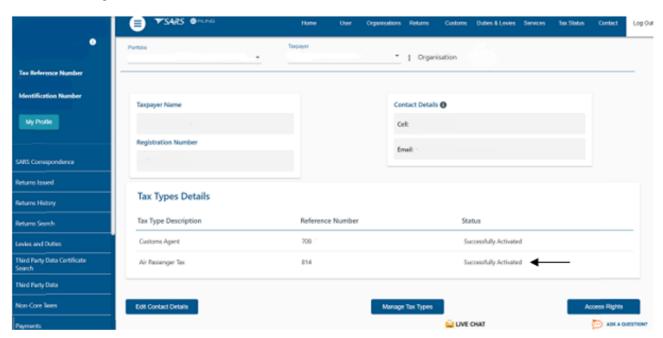




i) The operator selects authorise and clicks the Submit button.



j) The Air Passenger Tax will be activated.



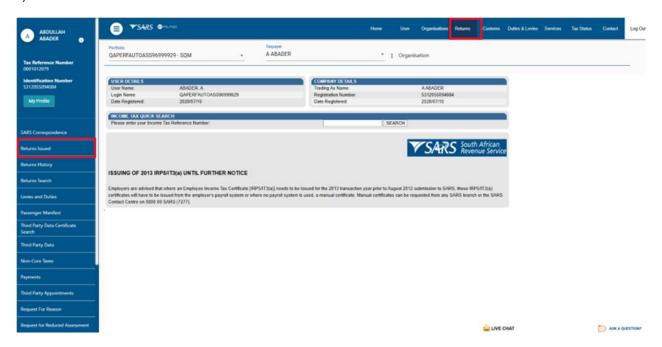
- k) The operator updates the user rights for the submission of returns as described in SC-CF-42.
- I) The operator logs off eFiling to allow for the changes to refresh.
- m) The operator can now log in to submit returns.



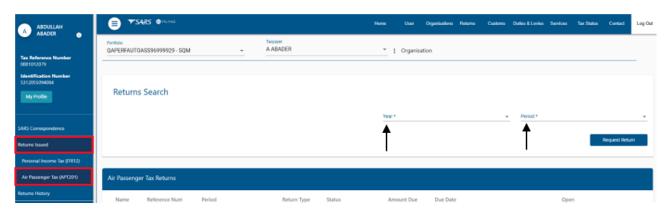
3 APT RETURN SUBMISSION

3.1 Submit APT Return

- a) The operator selects:
 - i) Returns; and
 - ii) Returns issued.



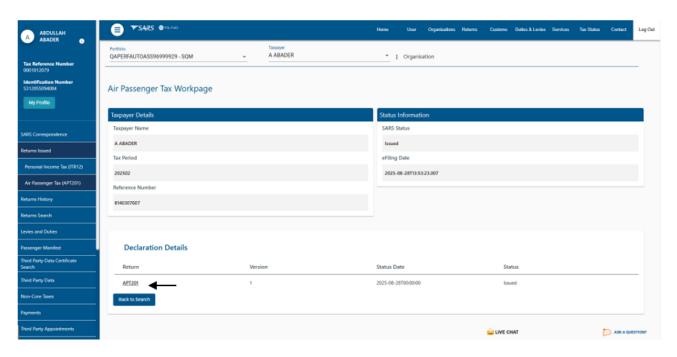
- b) The list of tax types for which the operator is registered displays, and the operator:
 - i) Selects Air Passenger Tax (APT201);
 - ii) Chooses the correct year and period; and
 - iii) Clicks the Request Return button.



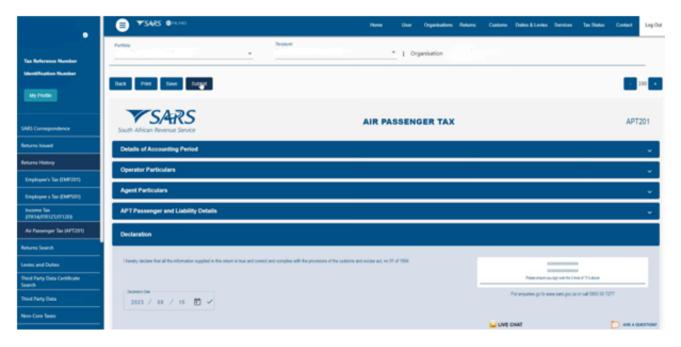
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c) The return for the chosen period displays and can be accessed through the hyperlink.



- d) The APT 201 return displays and the operator confirms the information under:
 - i) Details of Accounting Period;
 - ii) Operator Particulars; and
 - iii) Agent Particulars.

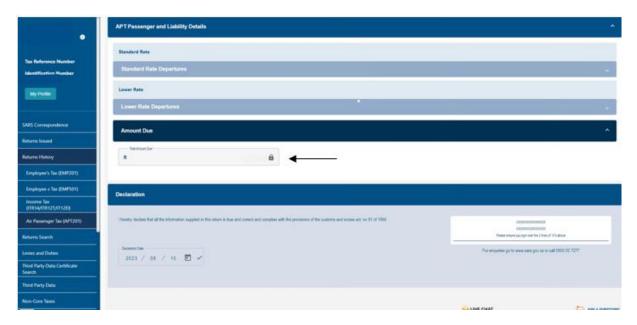




- e) The operator completes the mandatory fields under APT Passenger and Liability details by expanding:
 - i) Standard Rate Departures; and
 - ii) Lower Rate Departures.

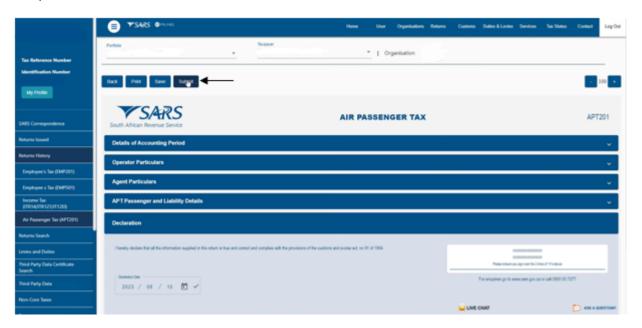


f) Once all mandatory fields are updated, the amount due is calculated.





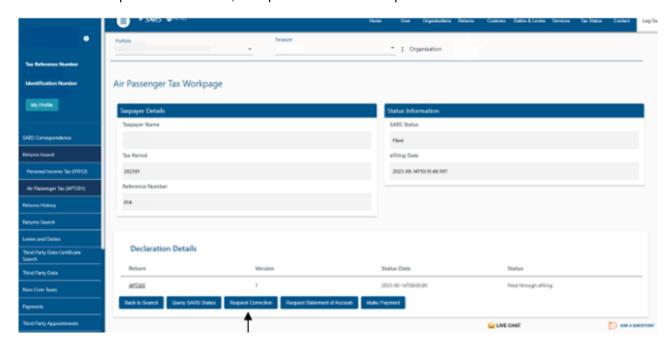
g) Once the return data is captured, the operator clicks the Submit button. By clicking on submit, the operator declares that all information on the return is true and correct.



h) The return status changes to filed.

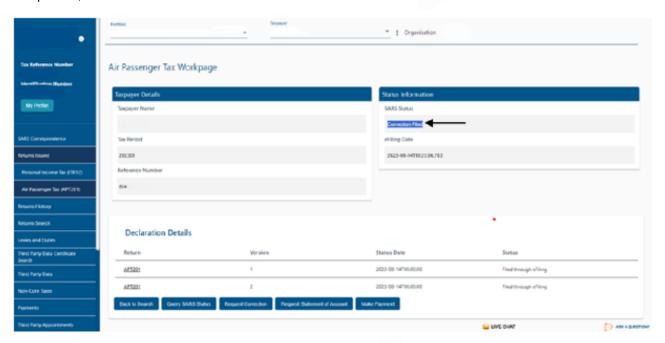
3.2 Request for Correction

- a) A maximum of three (3) corrections are permitted on a return for an accounting period.
- b) Corrections on a return must be submitted prior to making payment. Once a payment is processed, no corrections can be submitted.
- c) If a correction is required on the return, the operator clicks the Request Correction button.



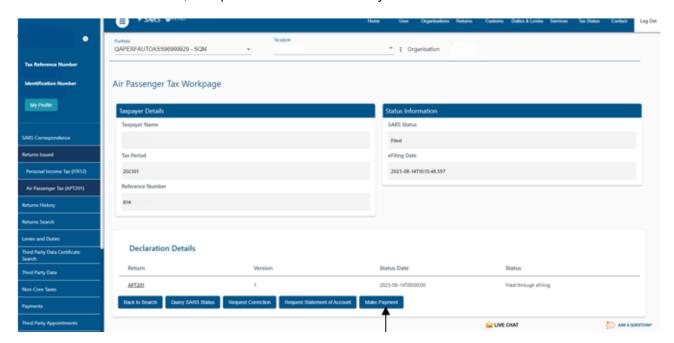


d) The return opens pre-populated with the data captured when the return was filed. The amendments will be updated, and the return is re-submitted.



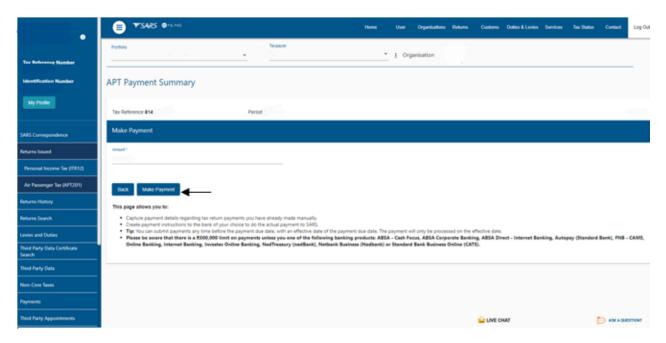
3.3 Make Payment

a) Once the return is submitted, the operator clicks the Make Payment button.

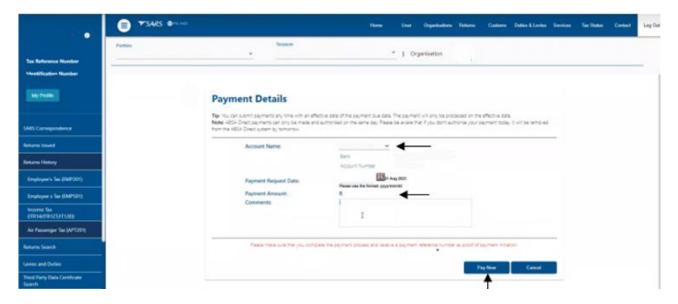




b) The operator confirms the amount due and clicks the Make Payment button again.

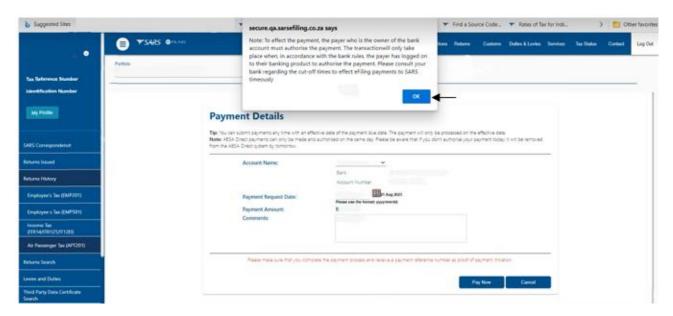


- c) The payment details displays and the operator:
 - i) Selects the saved bank account from the dropdown box;
 - ii) Confirms the payment details; and
 - iii) Clicks the Pay Now button.

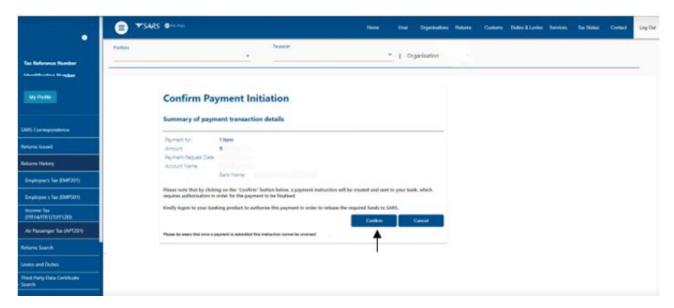




d) The operator clicks Ok in the pop-up box.

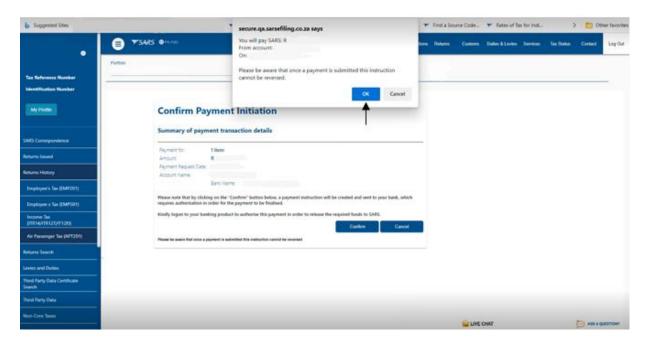


e) The summary of payment displays, and the operator clicks the Confirm button.

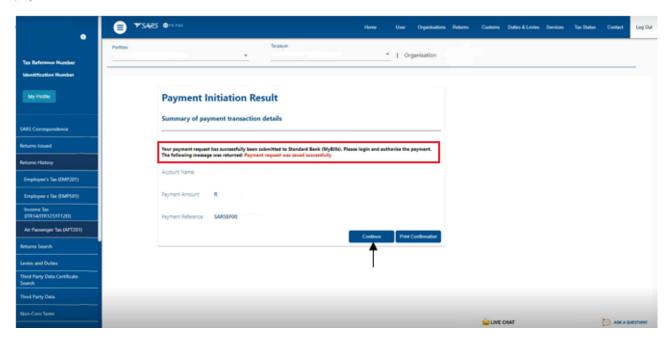




f) The operator clicks Ok in the pop-up box.



- g) The payment will be submitted to the operator's bank for approval of payment.
- h) The operator clicks the Continue button. The operator will also have the option to print the summary of payment.

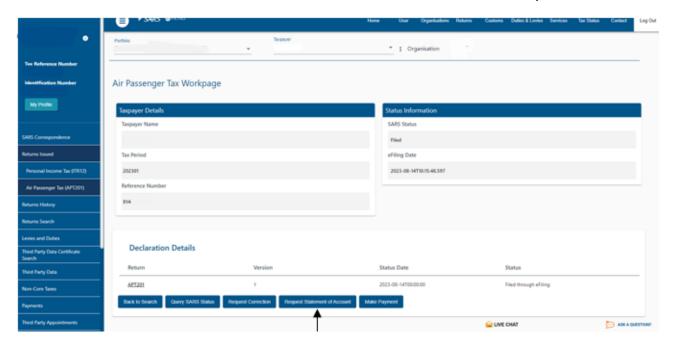


i) The operator logs into their nominated bank and approves the payment...

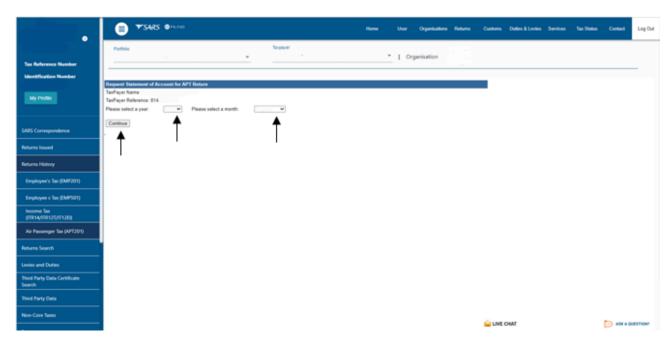
4 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT (SOA)

- a) The statement of account will be emailed to the operator monthly.
- b) Alternatively, the operator can click on the Request Statement of Account button to view their account.



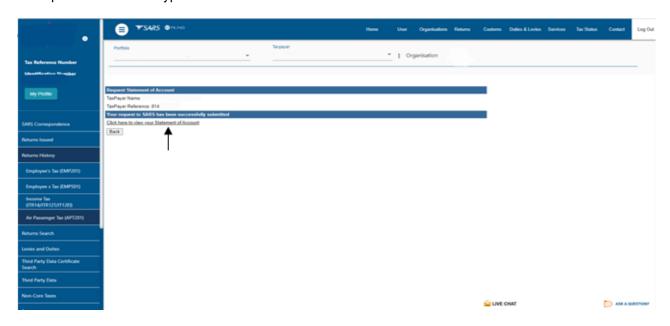


c) The operator selects the year and month and clicks the Continue button.





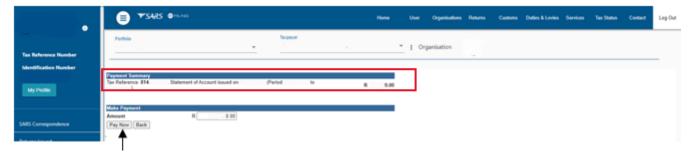
d) The operator clicks the hyperlink to view the Statement of Account.



e) The amount due for the selected period will display. The operator can make payment through the statement of account by clicking the Make Payment button.



f) The operator reviews the payment details and clicks the Pay Now button.



g) The operator clicks Ok in the pop-up box.

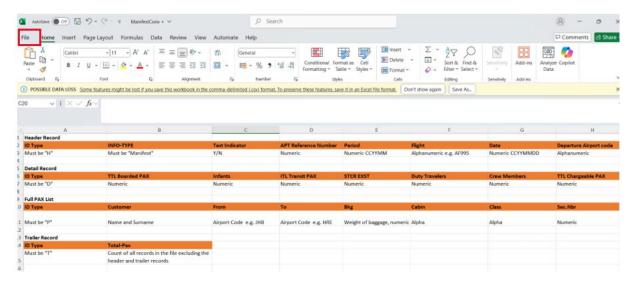


h) The operator continues to process payment as described in paragraph 3.3.



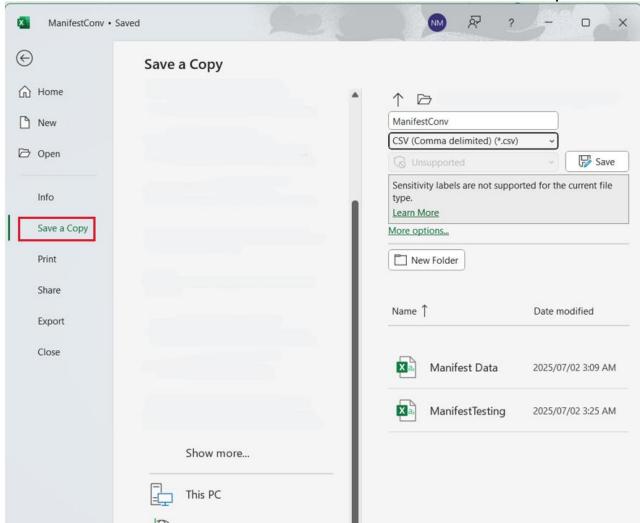
5 CONVERTING EXCEL FILE INTO CSV FILE

- a) The operator must ensure that, they have captured the manifest information as specified in APT-02-A02 on Microsoft Excel.
- b) The operator must open the Excel passenger manifest file that needs to be converted and click 'File'.



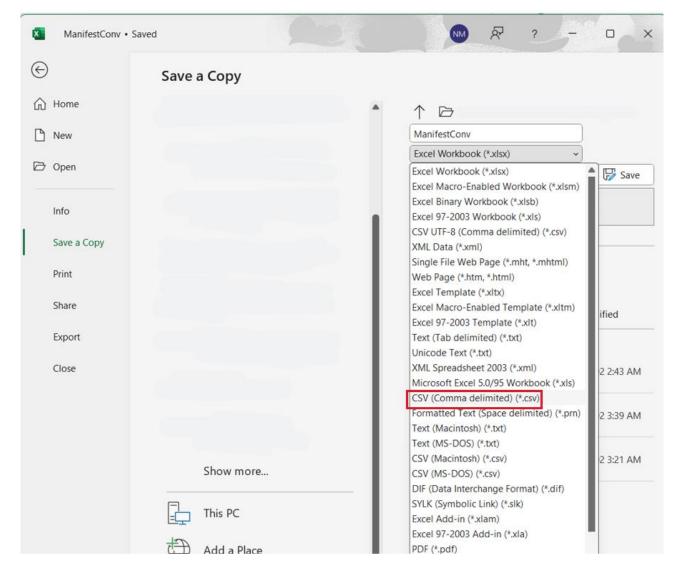
c) The operator must click 'Save a Copy' or Save As.







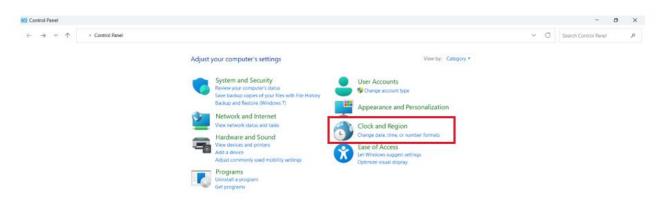
d) Choose 'CSV (Comma delimited) (*.csv)' in the 'Save as type' dropdown menu. The default delimiter must be changed before clicking 'Save'.



e) In order to convert an Excel file into CSV file, the default delimiter must be changed from a comma to a pipe character (|).



f) To effect this change required, the operator must open the Control Panel on the computer and click 'Clock and Region'.

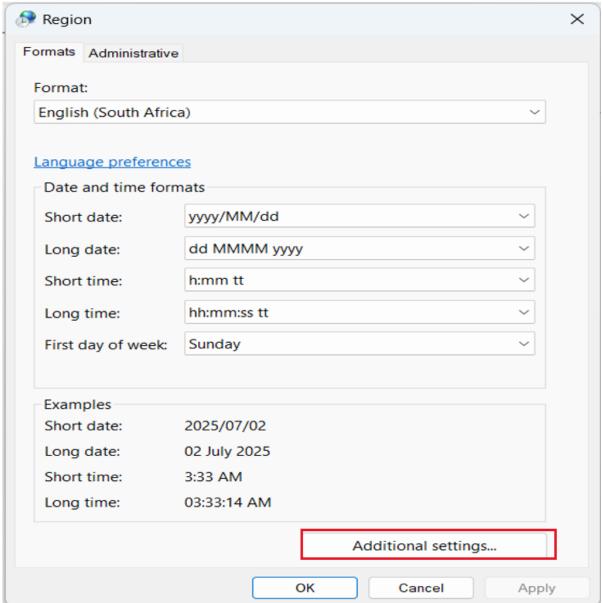


g) The operator must click 'Region".



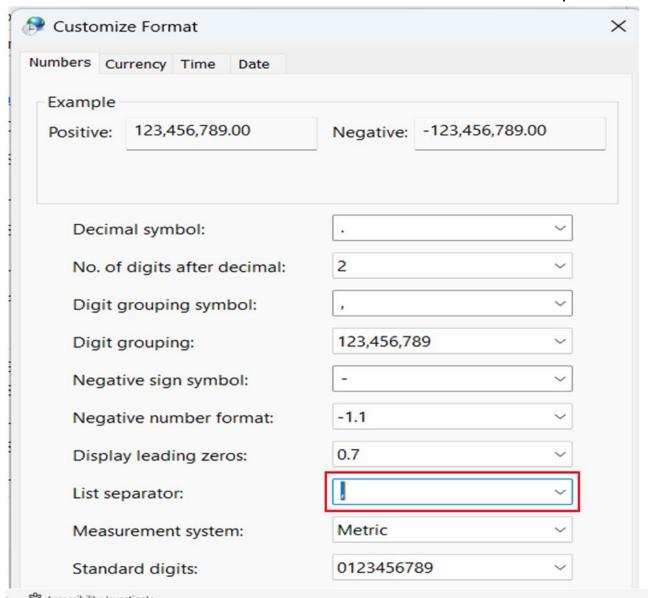
h) The operator must click 'Additional settings'.





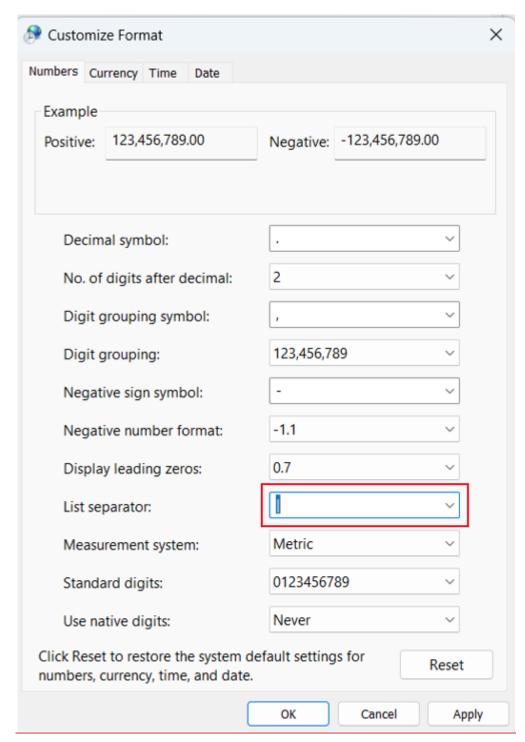
- i) The operator must check the 'List separator' field for the pipe character currently in use:
 - i) If the pipe character is a ',' then the operator must change it to an '|' which is located on top of the Enter button on the keyboard or select '|" from the dropdown menu.







ii) If the pipe character is a '|' the operator does not need to make any changes.



j) The operator must click 'Ok' to save changes made.

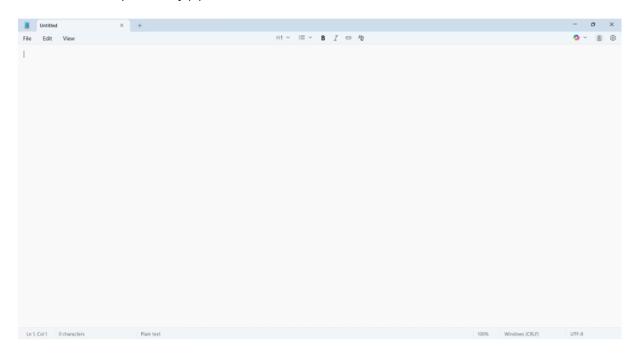


Decimal symbol:	. ~		
No. of digits after decimal:	2 ~		
Digit grouping symbol:	, ~		
Digit grouping:	123,456,789 ~		
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Negative number format:	-1.1 ~		
Display leading zeros:	0.7		
List separator:			
Measurement system:	Metric ~		
Standard digits:	0123456789 ~		
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Click Reset to restore the system default settings for numbers, currency, time, and date.			
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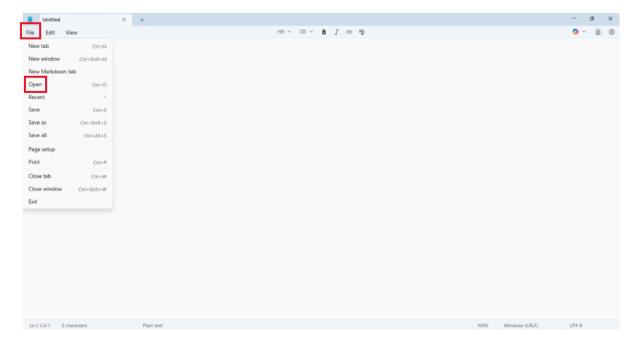
k) The operator can now save the file. It will be saved as a CSV file, with pipe characters as delimiters instead of commas.



I) To verify the convention, the operator must open the saved file in a text editor like Notepad to ensure that the data is separated by pipe characters.

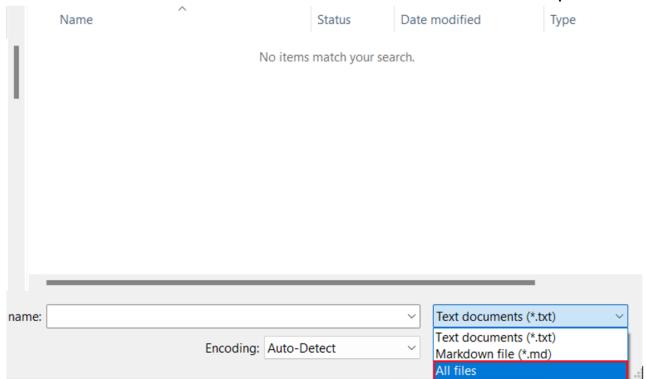


m) The operator must click 'File' and then 'Open'

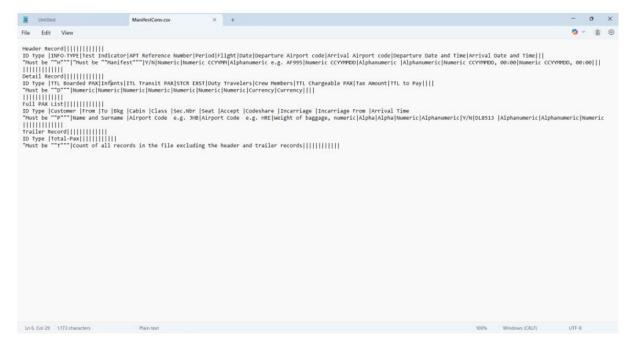


n) The operator must select 'All files' from the dropdown menu of file type.





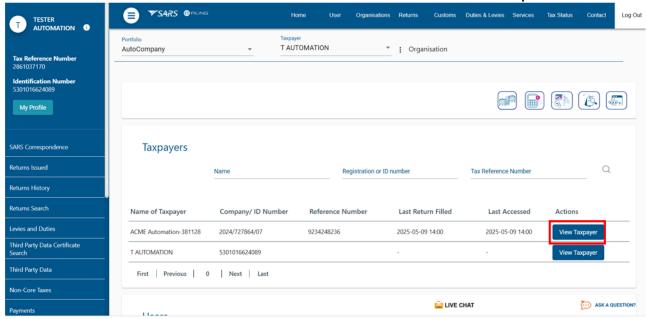
- o) The list of files will appear, and the operator must select the CSV file that has been just converted.
- p) If converted correctly the data will be separated by pipe characters (|) as reflected below. The CSV file is ready to be uploaded using efiling.



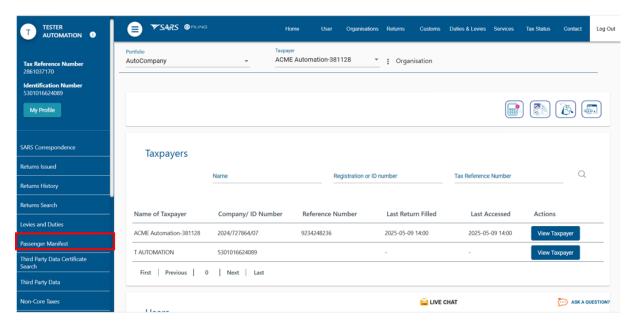
6 UPLOAD OF PASSENGER MANIFEST

- a) The operator must login into eFiling as specified in paragraph 2.1.
- b) Select the applicable profile and click on 'View Taxpayer'.



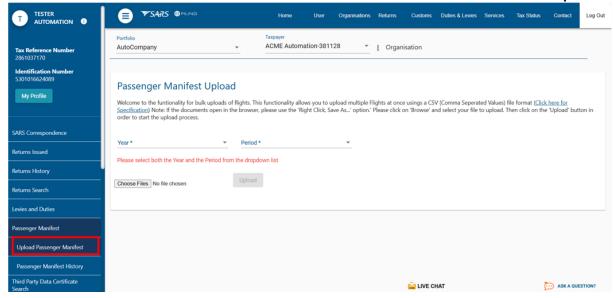


c) The operator must click on 'Passenger Manifest'.

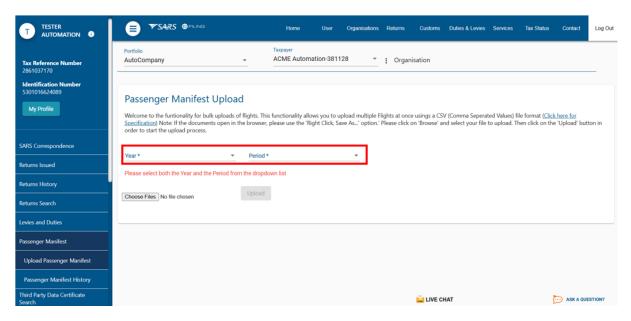


d) The operator must click 'Update Passenger Manifest'.



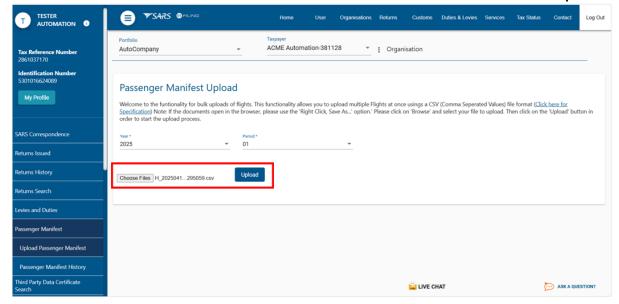


e) Select 'Year' and 'Period' of the passenger manifest being uploaded.

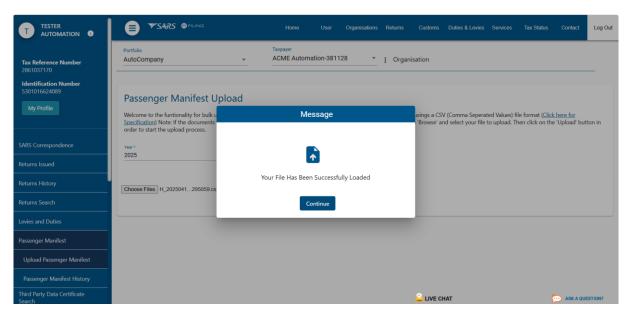


f) Choose the CSV file to upload and select 'Upload'.



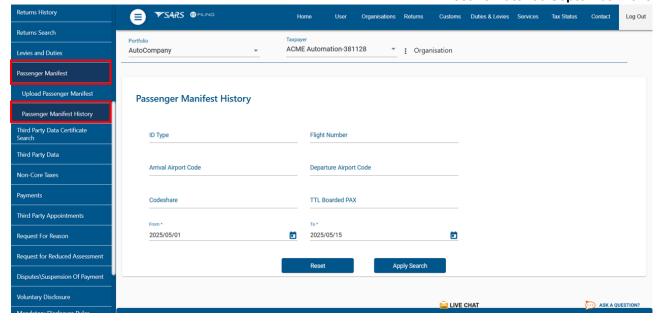


g) The screen below will display after a successful upload of passenger manifest.



h) The operator may click 'Passenger Manifest History' to view previously uploaded passenger manifests.

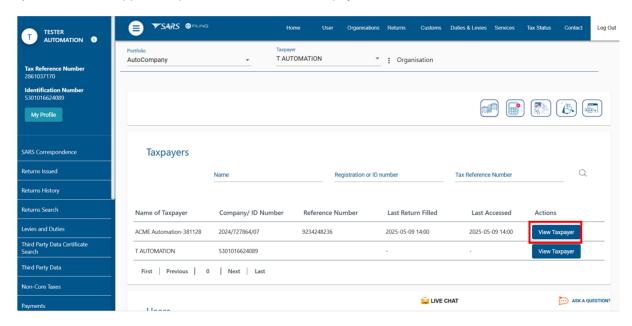




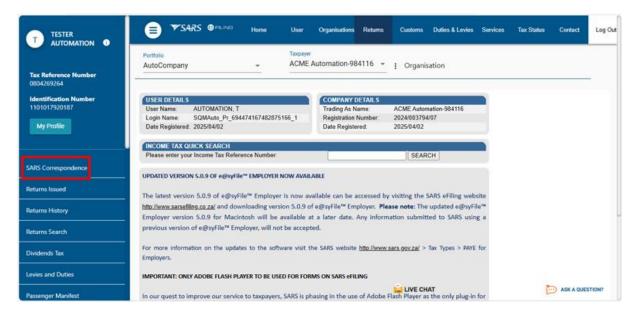


7 INITIATE PAYMENT FROM CONTRAVENTION LETTERS

- a) The operator must login into eFiling as specified in paragraph 2.1
- b) Select the applicable profile and click 'View Taxpayer'

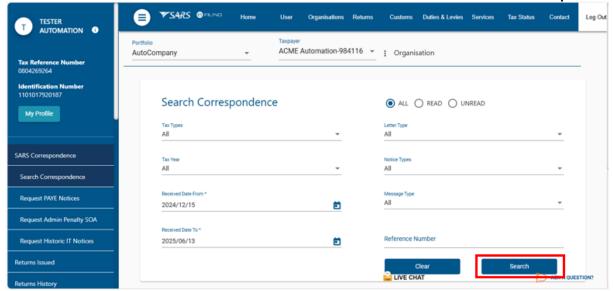


c) The operator must then click the 'SARS Correspondence' option.

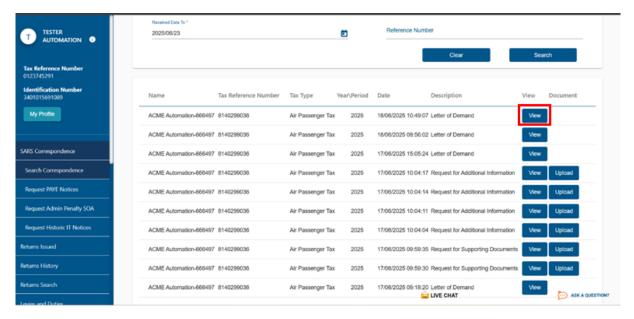


d) The operator is prompted to enter the search criteria then click on 'Search'.



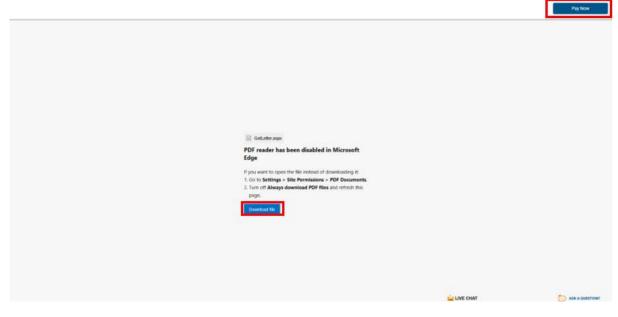


e) The operator must click on 'View' to access the applicable contravention letter.



f) The operator must click 'Download file' to open the contravention letter and click 'Pay Now' to make payment.

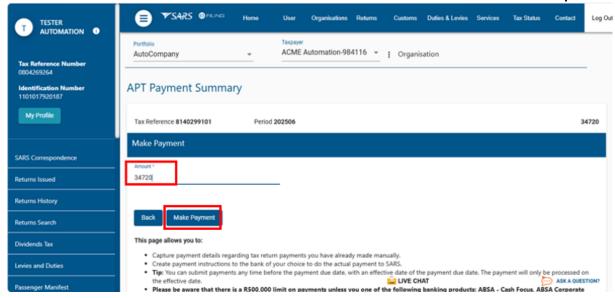




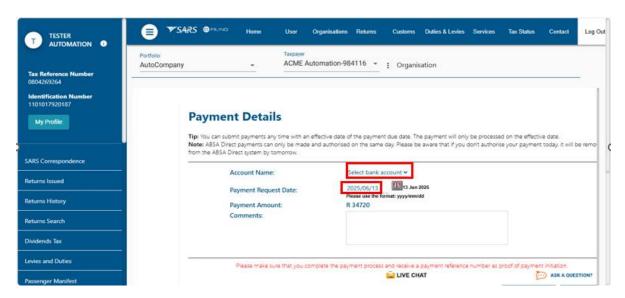


g) Enter the amount to pay and then click 'Make Payment'.



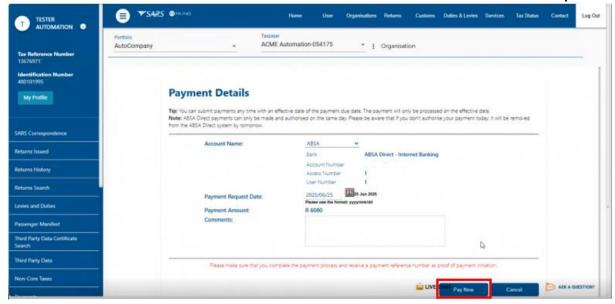


h) The operator must select the 'Account Name' to be used for payment and select the 'Payment Request Date'.

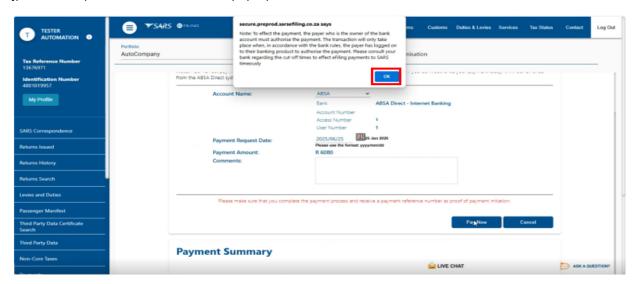


i) The operator then clicks 'Pay Now'.



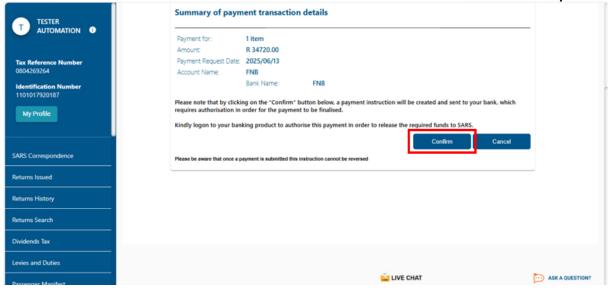


j) The operator clicks 'OK' in the pop-up box.

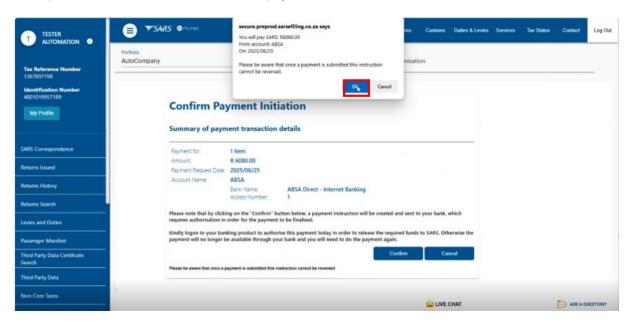


k) The operator must check summary of payment accuracy and click 'Confirm' if details are correct.



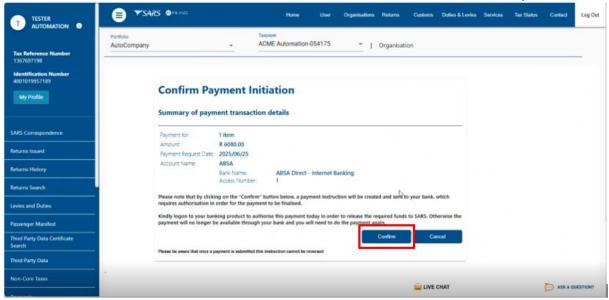


I) The operator to click 'OK' button to send a payment instruction to the bank.

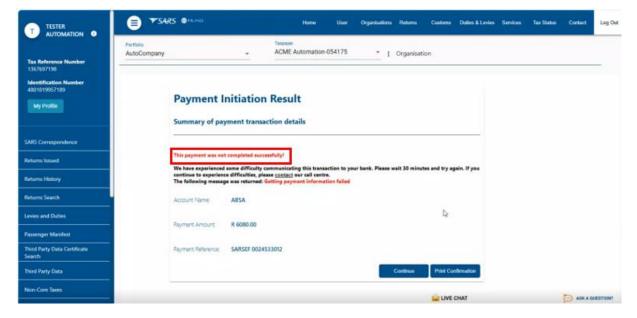


m) The operator must click 'Confirm' to confirm payment initiation.

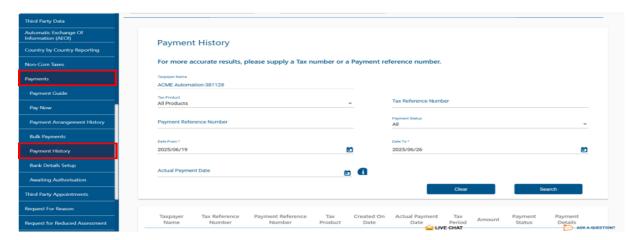




n) If the initiation is not successful, the error message below will show. The operator has an option to try again in 30 minutes or to call the SARS Contact Center.

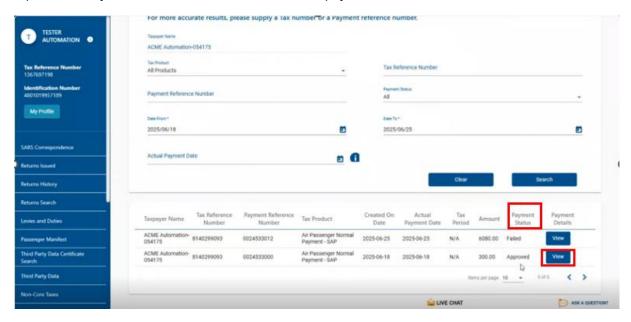


O) The operator may check the payment status by selecting 'Payments' followed by 'Payment History'.





- p) The operator must click on 'View' to check the applicable payment status:
 - iii) The 'Payment Status' will reflect 'Approved' if the payment has been successful.
 - iv) The 'Payment Status' will reflect 'Failed' if the payment has not been successful.



8 DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The definitions, acronyms and abbreviations can be accessed via the following link: <u>Glossary A-M | South African Revenue Service (sars.gov.za)</u>

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