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Guide to submit your Individual Income Tax Return via eFiling

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1 SUMMARY

- a) This guide is to assist taxpayers/tax practitioners in filing an Income tax return for individuals via eFiling. It is structured such that the user should be able to log in to eFiling, file/submit an Income tax return and request a correction via eFiling amongst others. Additional functions embedded on the system pertaining to eFiling and the Income tax return are discussed for the effective use of the system when accessing and filing your Income tax return.

2 DESCRIBING THE EFILING SYSTEM

- a) SARS eFiling is a free online solution for the submission of returns, declarations, and other related services. This service allows taxpayers, tax practitioners, representatives to register and submit returns/declarations, make payments, and perform several other interactions with SARS in a secure online environment. Once registered, eFilers can submit returns, view their tax status, and make payments to SARS electronically 24 hours a day.
- b) Over the years, SARS introduced additional functionality to eFiling providing enhancements for self-service account management and customer engagement support such as filing history, tax calculator, correspondence, mobile versions etc. While these enhancements offered a state-of-the-art solution in the realm of online digital tax management at the time, there is now a need to further enhance and streamline the design, incorporate newer user management, user registration and profile management. Leveraging on new technology advancements caters for an optimized user interface and user experience and ultimately support the strategic objective of Digital migration to cost effective channels.
- c) Due to emerging technologies and digital demand, there is an urgent need for the redesign of eFiling, to ensure that SARS is best positioned for the digital demands of the future by embracing the benefits that technology offers by providing an optimised secure digital environment. Millions of taxpayers transact on eFiling and a refresh of the current eFiling platform will ensure a user-friendly customer experience, with enhanced design that promotes compliance and reduced administrative burden. Simpler registration, user management and navigation will further reduce the risk of fraud, promote an increased eFiling uptake and overall migration towards easy digital and cost-effective channels.
- d) The redesign of eFiling, presents SARS with an opportunity to enhance the customer experience by improving platform design, navigation and accessibility to electronic users while strengthening the access to eFiling to ensure the protection of the taxpayer and their confidence in the organisation.
- e) The eFiling redesign journey, which aims to enhance the user experience by introducing a user-friendly design and framework, as well as provide the eFiler with a secure digital transactional platform with SARS and further establish eFiling as the preferred channel. Furthermore, security processes have been enhanced to curb identified risks while providing enhanced user/profile management and enhancing digital offerings in the self-service environment.

2.1 Benefits of using eFiling to submit your Income Tax Return

- a) eFilers are given more time to make their submissions.
 - i) Taxpayers/Tax representatives can save the Income tax return and submit it later, which will give them more time to review the information to be submitted to SARS.
- b) eFilers have a full history of all submissions, payments, and electronic correspondence available at a click of a button.
 - i) The system allows a taxpayer/tax representative to view the history of submissions made of the Income tax return on the system for their convenience.
- c) eFilers can receive SMS and email notifications to remind them when submissions are due.
 - i) SMS and email notifications assist the taxpayers/tax representatives in the submission process by ensuring that the returns are submitted before the due date.
- d) The simplicity of the process results in fewer errors and creates a quicker processing cycle for individuals and business.

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- i) There are embedded functions within the Income tax return such as pre-populating fields, pop up warning messages when incorrect information is completed and the simplified navigation. These functions are there to assist you whilst editing the return, which results in fewer errors, made during your return process.
- e) eFilers can revise the return declaration of their initial Income tax return via eFiling
 - i) This function allows the taxpayer / tax representative to resubmit the revised information (Income tax return) previously submitted to SARS resulting in an accurate assessment.

2.2 Register as an eFiling user

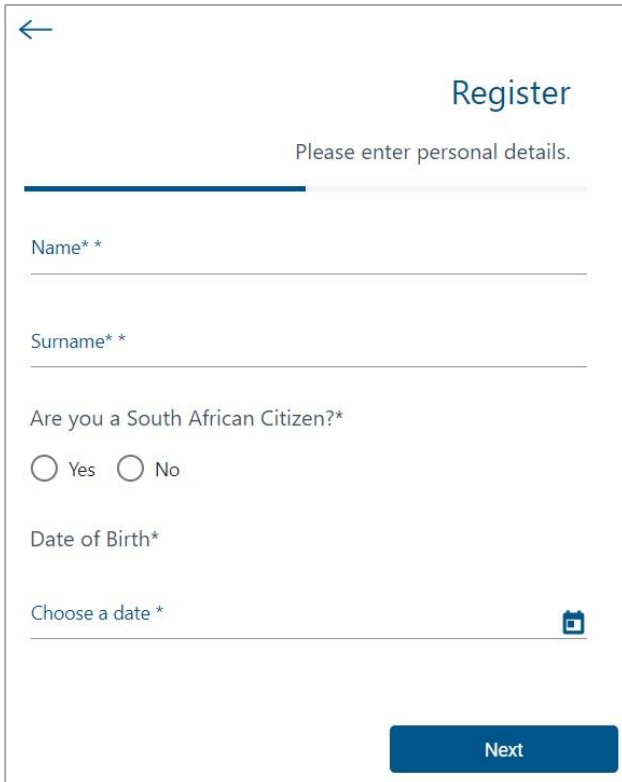
- a) Registration is part of the process that must be completed before using eFiling. This will allow your information to be routed to the SARS system. This section will provide a short introduction on how to register and log onto eFiling to submit your Income tax return to SARS.
- b) Navigate to the SARS website www.sars.gov.za and the following screen will be displayed.



- c) Click the “**Login**” button to log into eFiling or the “**Register**” to proceed to register as an eFiler if you are not registered.
- d) Click the “**Register**” hyperlink on the below screen after you have clicked “**Login**” to proceed to Register for eFiling.

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- e) Complete all the relevant information on the personal details screens and click the “Next” button to proceed with the registration process.



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Register

Please enter personal details.


Name* *

Surname* *

Are you a South African Citizen?*

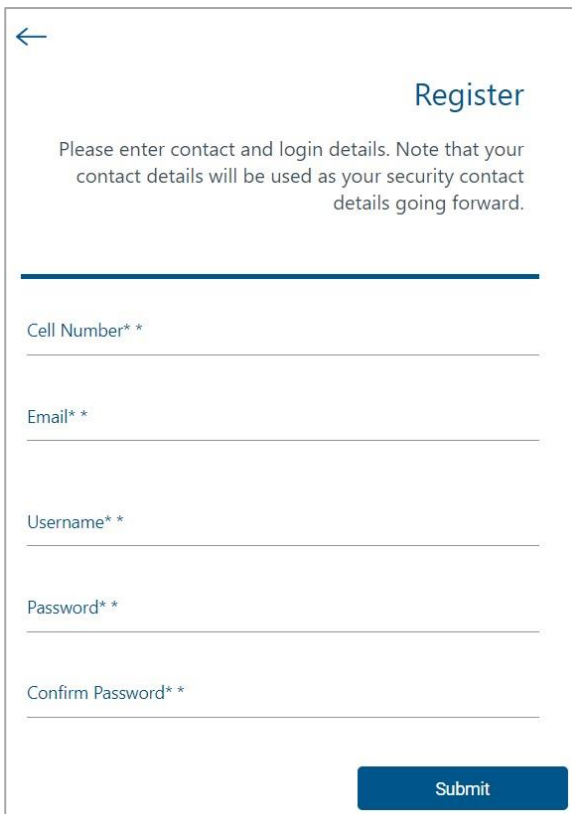
☐ Yes ☐ No

Date of Birth*

Choose a date * 

Next

- f) Enter contact details (Cell Number and Email address), Username, Password and Confirm Password. Click “Submit” to proceed.



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Register

Please enter contact and login details. Note that your contact details will be used as your security contact details going forward.

Cell Number* *

Email* *

Username* *

Password* *

Confirm Password* *

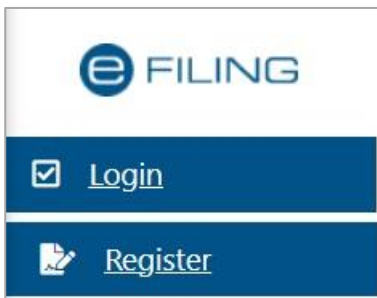
Submit

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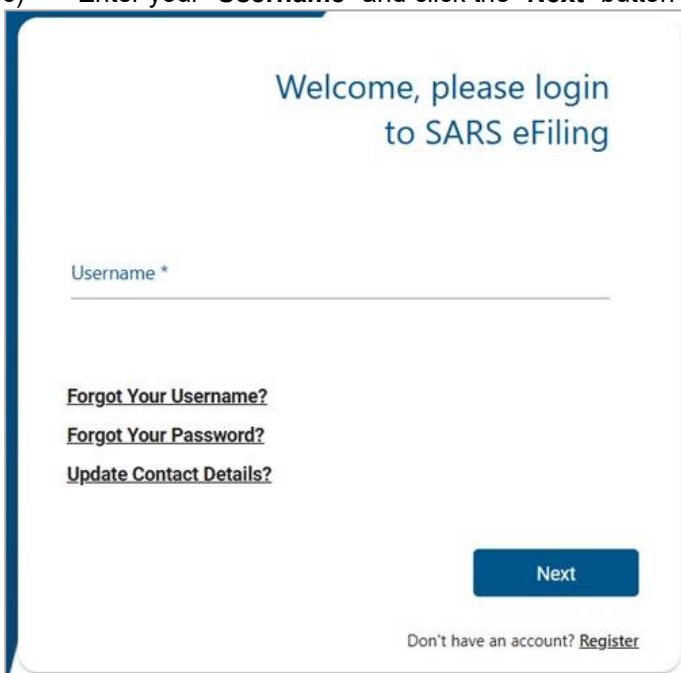
- g) Upon successful registration, proceed to login to eFiling and submit your Income tax return.
- h) For further assistance with eFiling registration, profile management, update of security contact details, refer to the ***“How to register for eFiling and manage your user profile”*** available on the SARS website www.sars.gov.za

2.3 Registered eFiling Users

- a) Once registered, you must keep your login credentials (username and password) which will be used to gain access to your profile and usage of the system.
- b) Navigate to the SARS website www.sars.gov.za and click **“Login”**.



- c) Enter your **“Username”** and click the **“Next”** button to continue.



The image shows the SARS eFiling login page. It has a white background with a blue header. The text 'Welcome, please login to SARS eFiling' is displayed. Below this is a text input field labeled 'Username *'. Underneath the input field are three links: 'Forgot Your Username?', 'Forgot Your Password?', and 'Update Contact Details?'. At the bottom right is a blue 'Next' button. At the bottom left, there is a link: 'Don't have an account? Register'.

- i) If you have forgotten your Username and/or Password, click on the **‘Forgot Your Username?’** or **‘Forgot Your Password?’** hyperlinks.
- d) If the username entered is incorrect, the following error message will be displayed.

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Error

This username does not exist. To register for eFiling, please click on 'Don't have an account? Register'

OK

- e) Before you enter your Password, the Login button will be greyed out. Once you enter your **“Password”** and the **“Login”** button will be active to click.

Welcome, please login to SARS eFiling

Password *

Password is **required**

[Forgot Your Username?](#)

[Forgot Your Password?](#)

Login

Welcome, please login to SARS eFiling

Password *

.....

[Forgot Your Username?](#)

[Forgot Your Password?](#)

Login

- f) **Note: If the login and password details are incorrect, an error message will be displayed on the screen for the user.**

Error

Your username and password could not be verified. Please try again.

OK

- g) If you are a newly registered eFiling user, after successful first login to eFiling, the Terms and Conditions screen will be displayed. You are required to read the Terms and Conditions carefully and scroll to the bottom. Select **‘I Accept’** to proceed.

SARS EFILING

Contact Log Out

Welcome to SARS eFiling

SARS EFILING TERMS & CONDITIONS

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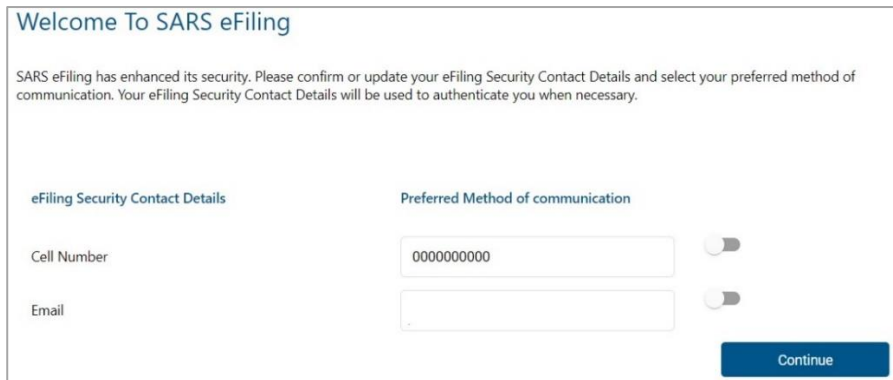
Definitions and interpretation

I Decline I Accept

- h) Each eFiler must confirm or update his/her eFiling Security Contact Details of either cell number or email address, which will be used to authenticate the eFiling user.

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- i) Update the cell number or email address (if the information presented differs) and click the '**Continue**' button to proceed with the Login process.



Welcome To SARS eFiling

SARS eFiling has enhanced its security. Please confirm or update your eFiling Security Contact Details and select your preferred method of communication. Your eFiling Security Contact Details will be used to authenticate you when necessary.

eFiling Security Contact Details

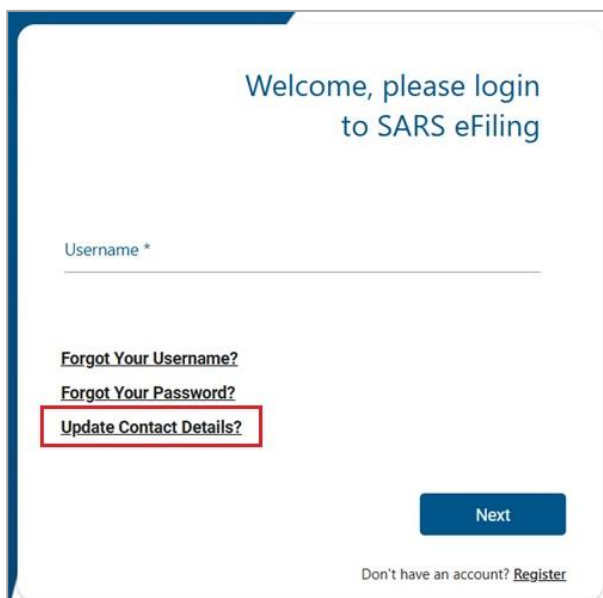
Cell Number: 0000000000

Email:

Preferred Method of communication

Continue

- j) Alternatively, Security Contact Details can be updated by selecting the "**Update Contact Details?**" link on the "**Login**" screen, as displayed below.



Welcome, please login to SARS eFiling

Username *

[Forgot Your Username?](#)

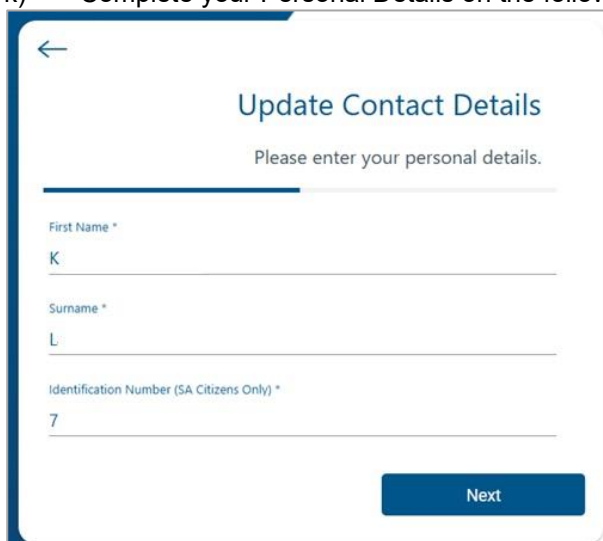
[Forgot Your Password?](#)

[Update Contact Details?](#)

Next

Don't have an account? [Register](#)

- k) Complete your Personal Details on the following screen and click "**Next**" to proceed.



Update Contact Details

Please enter your personal details.

First Name *

K

Surname *

L

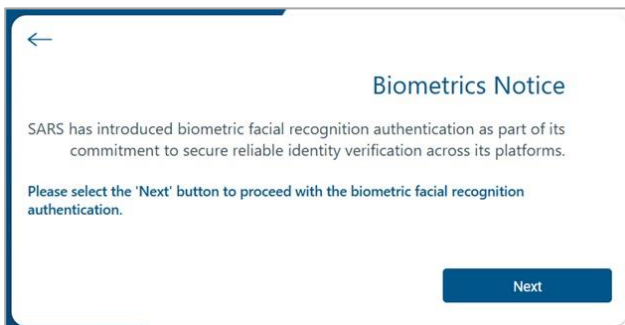
Identification Number (SA Citizens Only) *

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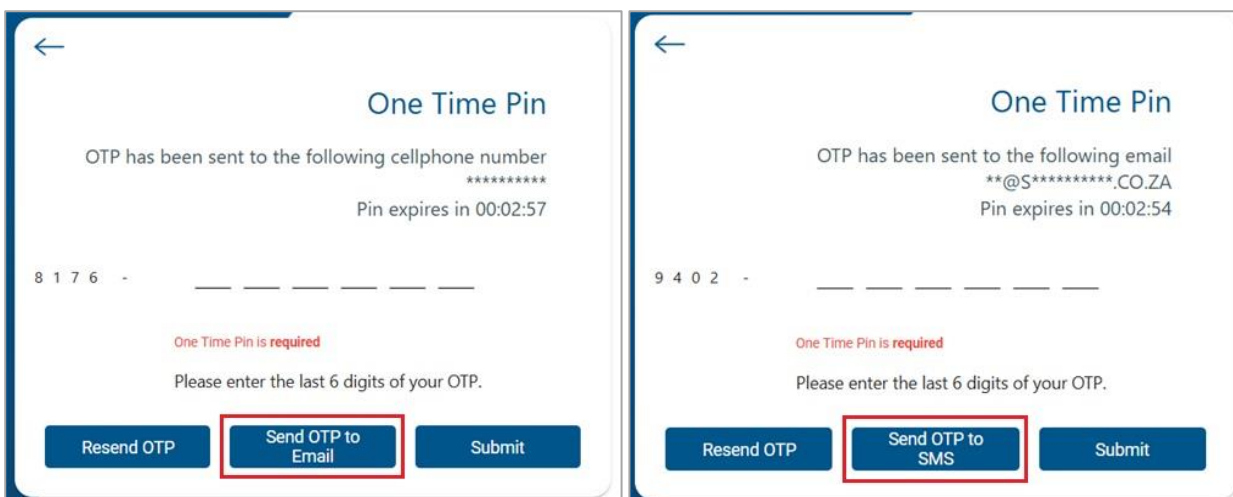
Next

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- l) A message will be displayed to proceed with biometric facial recognition authentication, as indicated below. Click **"Next"** to proceed with the process. Once facial recognition has passed biometric authentication, you will be allowed to update your security contact details and preferred method of communication for a One Time Pin (OTP).



- m) A One Time Pin (OTP) will be sent to indicate the preferred method of communication of the eFiling user. Only one preferred method of communication is allowed, where the OTP will be sent. Enter the last 6-digits of OTP that has been sent to indicated preferred method of communication and click the 'Submit' button. The OTP screen has been updated to choose the preferred method of communication either via email or SMS.



- n) Upon successful login, the eFiling Dashboard will be displayed.
- o) The eFiling Dashboard screen has been enhanced to assist taxpayers in navigation to the following services:
- The Two-pot calculator allows you:
 - To obtain the possible tax that would be levied based on the annual remuneration and savings withdrawal amount captured only.
 - Provide you with sufficient information to assist in the decision regarding a withdrawal from their retirement funds i.e. saving component and provide your detailed tax compliance information.
 - Lump Sum Calculator
 - Online Booking – this option will route you to the SARS Online Booking link to schedule an appointment with SARS.
 - Statement of Account
 - My Compliance Status
 - Notice of Registration

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- p) By clicking on each icon, you will be directed to the specific function on eFiling.
- q) Below are examples of the different eFiling Dashboard screens for Individual, Tax Practitioner and Organisation.

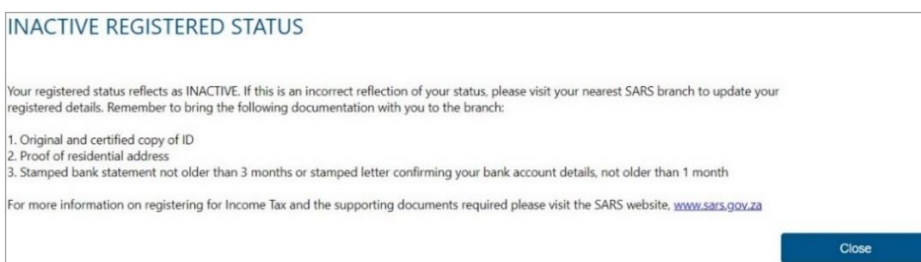
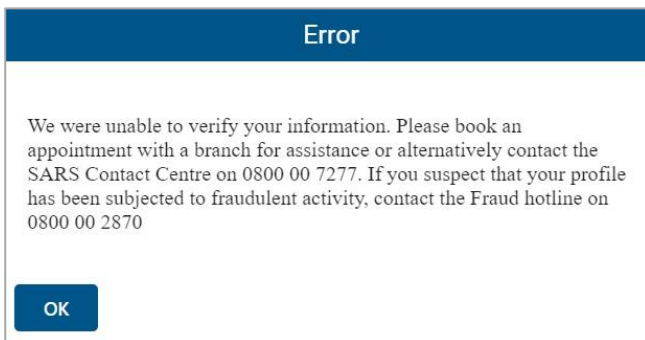
Individual:

Tax Practitioner:

Organisation:

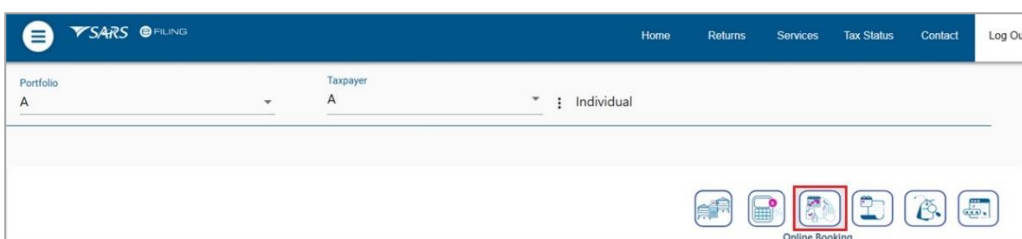
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- r) If your income tax status is inactive, belongs to a deceased person, or if you have multiple income tax numbers, messages will be displayed to refer you to the nearest SARS office to rectify your registration status. Below find examples of screens that will be displayed.



2.4 Request an eBooking Appointment via eFiling

- a) On your eFiling profile, navigate as follows to access the SARS Online eBooking Form.
i) Select the **Online Booking** icon



- b) This will display the Make an Appointment page.

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MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

What do you need to know when making an appointment with a SARS consultant?

- Please indicate whether you are making a booking as an Individual, Company, Representative or a Practitioner.
- Only SARS registered taxpayers will be able to request an appointment. Unregistered users will be referred to the eFiling website to register.
- If you cannot be verified as a registered individual taxpayer, company representative or practitioner, you will not be able to book an appointment.
- Please note that you have to provide us with a valid cell phone number and/or an email address.
- Date selection may not be more than 10 days in advance. The calendar will be greyed out, and only day 3-10 will be available for selection.
- Only one time slot may be selected for a booking.
- Scheduling recurring appointments (block bookings) is not allowed.
- Once an appointment has been confirmed you will receive a formal confirmation by email or SMS, with a reference number.
- On arrival at the selected branch:
 - Please indicate that you have an appointment.
 - Your reference number will be verified before you are allocated a queue or a seat in the waiting area.
 - We will endeavour to ensure that all on-time clients will be served at the time of the approved booking.
 - Late clients may forfeit their appointment, and will then be required to make a new appointment.
 - Early clients will be allowed in the waiting area, but will only be served as per the appointment time.
- You will be allocated a meeting with a specific service agent and you will not be allowed to request assistance from an alternative agent.
- You will be able to follow up on any progress after your appointment by accessing your eFiling profile or calling the Contact Centre. If a follow up appointment is required, this will be scheduled by the Service agent.
- Please ensure that you have all documentation at hand that is relevant to your query, together with your proof of Identity, when travelling to a SARS branch for an appointment.
- It is recommended that you use Google Chrome to access the booking form.

For more detail on the process, see our [Guide on Book an Appointment at a SARS Branch](#).

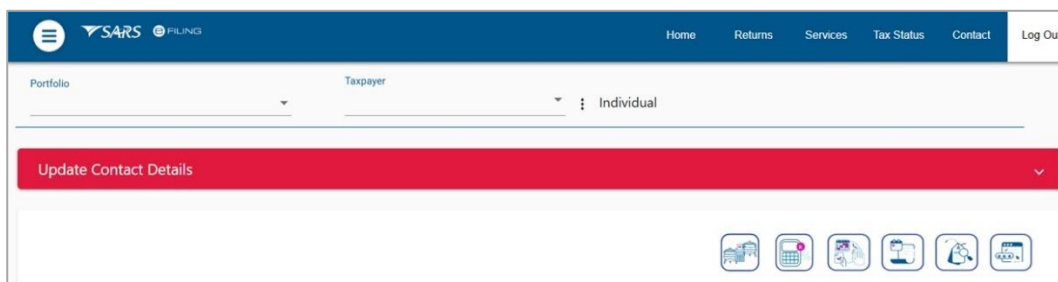
Please note that only processes which are not yet been fully automated will be dealt with by way of an appointment. You may select these processes from the dropdown list, when requesting the appointment. If the process you are looking to complete is not in the dropdown list – it means that process can be completed by way of our electronic channels.

[Click here to Book an Appointment at a SARS Branch](#)

- c) Click on **<Click here to Book an Appointment at a SARS branch>** hyperlink displayed at the bottom of the page to be directed to the booking screen to make an appointment. For more information on making an appointment with SARS, refer to the '*Book an Appointment at SARS – External Guide*' on the SARS website.

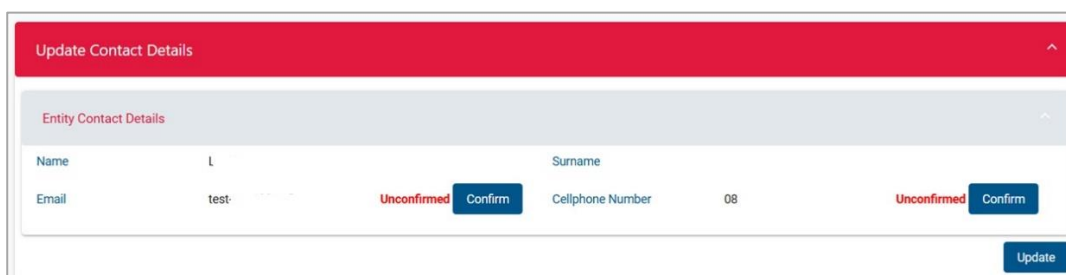
2.5 Update Contact Details on eFiling

- a) On the eFiling landing page, the 'Update Contact Details' tab will be displayed. Click the drop-down arrow to expand the tab.



The screenshot shows the SARS eFiling landing page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, Returns, Services, Tax Status, Contact, and Log Out. Below this, there is a section for 'Portfolio' and 'Taxpayer' with a dropdown menu set to 'Individual'. A red bar with the text 'Update Contact Details' and a downward arrow is visible. Below this bar, there are several icons representing different services: a building, a calendar, a person, a document, a mail icon, and a clock.

- b) The 'Entity Contact Details' tab will be displayed with the relevant information, namely:
- Name
 - Surname
 - Email address
 - Cellphone number.



The screenshot shows the 'Update Contact Details' form. At the top, there is a red bar with the text 'Update Contact Details' and an upward arrow. Below this, there is a section titled 'Entity Contact Details' with a downward arrow. The form contains the following fields:

Name	L	Surname
Email	test	08

Below the fields, there are two buttons: 'Unconfirmed' (in red) and 'Confirm' (in blue). At the bottom right, there is a blue button labeled 'Update'.

- c) To update the Email and Cellphone number, click the 'Update' button and you will be directed to the Maintain SARS Registered Details page.

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MAINTAIN SARS REGISTERED DETAILS

Maintain SARS Registered Details

This functionality allows you to view and maintain registered details of the entity selected from the 'Taxpayer List' above. Click on 'Continue' below to obtain the existing detail from SARS. You may then view or update this information as necessary.

I hereby confirm that I am duly authorised to perform Maintenance of SARS Registered Details on behalf of the company or individual.

☐ I agree

☒ I do not agree

[Continue](#)

- d) For more information on the Maintain SARS registered details process, refer to the external guide: "How to complete the Registration Amendments and Verification Form (RAV01)" which is available on the SARS website at www.sars.gov.za.
- e) If the Email and Cellphone number is correct, click the 'Confirm' button and you will be directed to enter the relevant One-Time-Pin (OTP). A confirmation message will be displayed to confirm that the contact details have been successfully updated.

Message

Contact Details updated successfully

[OK](#)

- f) Statuses on the 'Update Contact Details' tab will be displayed as indicated in the below screens.

Update Contact Details

Entity Contact Details

Name	L.	Surname	
Email	test	Cellphone Number	08

Pending

Unconfirmed [Confirm](#)

[Refresh](#) [Update](#)

- g) If you have confirmed the contact details, the status will be updated to 'Confirmed', otherwise it will be displayed as 'Unconfirmed'.

Update Contact Details

Entity Contact Details

Name	L.	Surname	
Email	test	Cellphone Number	08

Confirmed

Unconfirmed [Confirm](#)

[Update](#)

- h) For more information on updating eFiling security contact details, refer to the "How to register for eFiling and manage your user profile" external guide available on the SARS website www.sars.gov.za

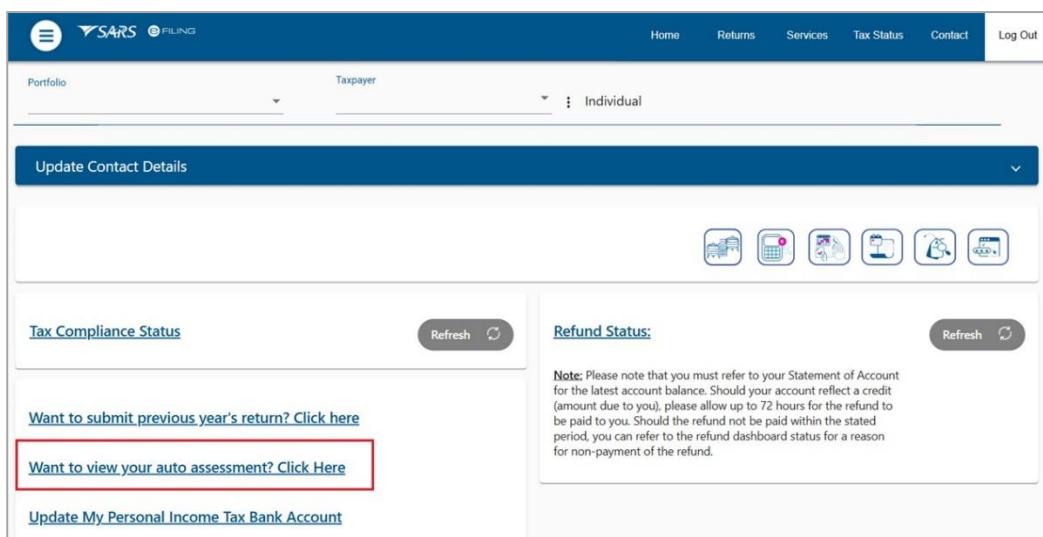
3 HOW TO USE EFILING TO SUBMIT YOUR INCOME TAX RETURN

3.1 Overview

- a) When filing your Income tax return, you must ensure that correct information pertaining to your income/profit is recorded on your Income tax return. Some fields on the form are pre-populated; however, you are required to verify whether the information is correct (such as personal demographic information, contact details, banking details, IRP5 certificate and medical aid information). This section will demonstrate how to submit your Income tax return via eFiling.
- b) **Note that additional/supporting documents relating to your Income tax return are submitted to SARS upon request; you are required to retain these supporting documents for a period of five years, should SARS require them in the future.**

3.2 Auto Assessments

- a) SARS embarked on a process to improve efficiencies and tax compliance by introducing a method of submitting returns called an Auto Assessment. The auto assessment process enabled SARS to simulate assessment results based on Third Party data available at SARS' disposal. SARS will issue an "Original Assessments based on Estimates". The identified population would receive the "Notice of Assessments" for the applicable year as opposed to the simulated assessments that were issued previously. The taxpayer will not be required to do anything if they agree with the assessment issued by SARS. If the taxpayer is aggrieved or does not agree with the assessment issued by SARS, they will have an opportunity to file their original return within a stipulated period to avoid penalties being imposed.
- b) The taxpayer would have the ability to submit relevant material should they not agree with the estimate issued by SARS.
- c) Section 95 of Tax Administration Act has been amended to allow for the taxpayer to have to submit relevant material or a return after an estimate assessment has been issued without requesting extension for the period allowed.
- d) On the eFiling Dashboard you may click "**Want to view your auto assessment? Click here**" link to view your auto assessment.



- e) Alternatively, a message will be displayed to indicate that an auto assessment has been issued. Click 'View' button and the "Assessment Notice" screen will be displayed. The ITA34 will be viewed on the screen or available to download.

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SARS has issued you with an auto assessment

Note: Based on the information available to SARS about you such as information relating to your Retirement Annuity Funds, Investments, Medical Aid and/or Employment, SARS has issued you with an Original Assessment based on Estimates.

[View](#)

Assessment Notice
Date: 2025/05/19

[Dispute/Suspension of Payment](#) [Request For Reason](#) [Close](#)

Amount: R- 9 746.07


- f) Alternatively, if you have been selected as part of the original estimate population for the 2025 tax year, and you request the tax return the below message will be displayed on a pop-up window on the Income Tax Work Page, as indicated below. Click “OK” on the message and the Assessment Notice screen will be displayed to download the ITA34.

Your Estimate Assessment is available...

Note: Based on the information available to SARS about you such as information relating to your Retirement Annuity Funds, Investments, Medical Aid and/or Employment, SARS has issued you with an Original Assessment based on Estimates.

[CLOSE](#) [OK](#)

- g) Click the ‘Open’ button to view the ITA34.



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INCOME TAX
Notice of Assessment

ITA34

Enquiries should be addressed to SARS:
Contact Centre
ALBERTON
1528
Tel: 0800007277 Website: www.sars.gov.za

Details
Reference number: 00
Document number: 98
Date of assessment: 2025-05-19
Year of assessment: 2025
Type of assessment: Original Estimate Assessment
Period (days): 365
Payment Due date: 2025-06-01
Interest free period (Grace period) until: 2025-06-30
PRN Number 001 T00000000

Always quote this reference number when contacting SARS


Balance of Account after this Assessment	
Description	Amount
Amount refundable to you by SARS	-9746.07

- h) On the home page, below the auto assessment message, click the 2025 hyperlink to be directed to the Income Tax Work Page.

Personal Income Tax (ITR12)

Tax Period	Return Status	Due Date
2025	Estimation submitted by SARS	2025-10-21

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INCOME TAX WORK PAGE


Taxpayer Name
Tax Period
2025
Tax Reference
Return Type
ITR12

eFiling Status
Estimation submitted by SARS
SARS Notifications
Number of letters: 2

RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Estimation submitted by SARS	2025/	SARS	1	Not Requested	

Maintain Legal Entity Details
Query SARS Status Request Return Refund Status Request For Extension

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT	DESCRIPTION	DATE	VERSION
ITA34	ORIGINAL ESTIMATE ASSESSMENT	2025/	1

Request Historic Notice Dispute \ Suspension Of Payment Request For Reason

3.3 Edit the Return

- In the instance that the taxpayer wishes to edit the return and declare further income, the return will be available to make changes. The current return filing process will apply, and the submitted declaration would be recorded as the original assessment from the taxpayer.
- If you choose to edit the auto assessment result generated by SARS based on third party data obtained, select the “Edit Return” button after you have opted to view the return.

Back Print Source codes Edit Return Close

- You can proceed to edit the return and submit to SARS.
- Alternatively, select the “Request Return” button on the Income Tax Work Page to submit your original return to SARS.

RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Estimation submitted by SARS	2025/05/09	SARS	1	Not Requested	

Maintain Legal Entity Details
Query SARS Status **Request Return** Refund Status Request For Extension

- The ITR12 return will open, and you may edit and submit to SARS. After submission, the status on the Income Tax Work Page will be updated to “Filed though eFiling”.
- If the return gets rejected by SARS, a decline letter will be issued to the taxpayer, and the Notice of Assessment will not be issued, and the taxpayer will be allowed to raise/log a dispute.
- If SARS accepts the return, the assessment will be processed, and the taxpayer may receive a reduced or additional assessment. Once the taxpayer receives the reduced or additional assessment, a dispute will not be allowed.

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3.4 Request for Extension

- a) If the taxpayer is required to submit an original return or relevant material because of an estimated assessment being raised by SARS, the taxpayer may request for an extension for the period allowed to submit such required material/return.
- b) The 'Request for extension' button will be available for a period of 3 years. If you request an extension after 40 business days from which the estimated assessment was issued, ensure that you provide reasonable grounds for the request. The following message will be displayed where the taxpayer request for extension 40 business days after the assessment was issued:
 - i) "Please note the date entered must be within 3 years from the Date of Assessment."
- c) The request for extension will be granted to a maximum period not exceeding 3 years from the date of assessment for Income Tax.
- d) Click the **"Request for Extension"** button on the Income Tax Work Page as indicated in the below screen.

RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Estimation submitted by SARS	2025/05/09	SARS	1	Not Requested	
Maintain Legal Entity Details						
Query SARS Status Request Return Refund Status Request For Extension						

- e) Complete the following fields on the Request for Extension screen:
 - i) Reason for extension
 - ii) Reason for extension description
 - iii) Date extension to:
 - A) select a date, not exceeding 3 years from date of the assessment
 - B) When they hover-over the information icon the following message will be displayed:
 - i) "Please note the date entered must be within 3 years from the Date of Assessment."

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Request Assessment Extension

Reason for extension:

Reason for extension description: Request received within filing season of notice of assessment ▼

Date extended to: 2025/10/21 ⓘ

Back Submit

- f) Select **"Back"** to revert to the Income Tax Work Page or **"Submit"** to submit the Request for Extension to SARS.
- g) Applicable messages will be displayed after the submission of the Request for Extension and the taxpayer try to request the extension again:
 - i) When a taxpayer received a request for extension rejection letter and tries to do a new request for extension, the following message will be displayed:
 - A) "The Taxpayer's Request for Extension can no longer be processed, as the request was previously rejected. Therefore, the Estimated Assessment issued to you for the tax period is now considered final".

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- ii) When a taxpayer has submitted the Request for Extension, but has not received the confirmation notice and they click the request for extension button again:
A) "Request for extension not allowed, already submitted."

Note
Request For Extension Not Allowed, Already Submitted
OK


- iii) When the taxpayer has submitted the request for extension, the confirmation notice is received and they have not received either the extension Granted or Decline outcome letter, and they try to request again:
A) The taxpayer's Request for Extension previously received is under review and SARS will communicate the outcome of the request shortly".

Note
Please note that the Request for Extension previously received is under review and SARS will communicate the outcome of the request shortly.
OK



- h) Upon the completion of the request for extension by SARS, outcome letters will be issued and will be available on the Correspondence and the return Work Page on eFiling.

3.5 Request for Correction

- a) After the estimate assessment have been raised by SARS, and the taxpayer has chosen to edit the estimated assessment return and submit an original return to SARS, the taxpayer will be able to request a correction on the return submitted, requesting SARS to issue an additional or reduced assessment. SARS will issue correspondence in the case where the correction has been rejected. The taxpayer will have the option to dispute the decision taken by SARS, where SARS declined to issue a reduced or additional assessment. Refer to the SARS website www.sars.gov.za for more information on the dispute process.

RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Filed through eFiling	2023		1	View	
Maintain Legal Entity Details Query SARS Status Request Correction Refund Status						

- b) A saved version of the return will be available to request the changes on and submit to SARS as per normal process.

RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Filed through eFiling	2023		1	View	
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Saved	2023		2	Not Requested	
Maintain Legal Entity Details Query SARS Status Refresh Data Refund Status						

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3.6 Total Discharged Returns

- a) In terms of section 98 of the Tax Administration Act 28 of 2011 SARS may, despite the fact that no objection has been lodged or appeal noted, withdraw an assessment which—
 - (a) was issued to the incorrect taxpayer;
 - (b) was issued in respect of the incorrect tax period; or
 - (c) was issued as a result of an incorrect payment allocation and to the extent that there is reasonable ground to believe that the return submitted was a fraudulent and/or fictitious submission for the reporting year of assessment.
- b) Total discharge refers to filed returns that were cancelled by SARS.
- c) If the return(s) was submitted via eFiling, the status of these return(s) will be updated to “Cancelled”. If there is more than one version of the return, all the versions’ statuses for the applicable year of assessment will be cancelled. These include returns that were filed through another channel and processed on eFiling.
- d) For assessments that have been totally discharged, you will not be allowed to request for correction, make payments or dispute the total discharged returns. If there is any supporting document group open, upon receipt of Total Discharge assessment notice, supporting document group will be closed since the associated return is cancelled.
- e) Since the return is cancelled in totality, you will be allowed to issue, capture, and submit a new return for the same year of assessment.
- f) When a taxpayer attempts to file a dispute case (RFR/NOO/NOA/Condonation and Request for Reason/Request for Remission) while the total discharge is in progress or the assessment is withdrawn, the following message will be displayed:
 - i) “Please note that a case to withdraw the assessment for the selected year of assessment is in progress. Therefore, you will not be allowed to file (RFR/NOO/NOA/CON/RFRE).”
- g) When a taxpayer attempts to file a Request for Correction (RFC) while the total discharge is in progress or the assessment is withdrawn, the below message will be displayed:
 - i) “Please note that a case to withdraw the assessment for the selected year of assessment is in progress. Therefore, you will not be allowed to file a Request for Correction”.
- h) When a Total discharge has been finalised and Taxpayer request a dispute case (RFR/NOO/NOA/Condonation and Request for Reason/Request for Remission), the following message will be displayed:
 - i) “No Assessment Found”.
- i) Taxpayer/ User may request SARS to withdraw the assessment based on the Financial Year-end changes, Fraud, Duplicate Registration/Tax Reference Number, or Incorrect taxpayer return submission.

3.7 Duplicate IRP5 Certificate

- a) Duplication of the IRP5 certificate occurs when SARS detects that your IRP5 certificate submitted to SARS is a duplicate of the one already submitted by another taxpayer, or where the PAYE number on your submitted IRP5 does not exist. Where such duplications are detected by SARS, the following error messages will respectively be displayed:
 - i) ***“Your return cannot be processed due to an error on your IRP5 certificate. We are unable to verify the employer’s PAYE/Income tax reference number declared on your IRP5 certificate. Please contact your employer to verify the IRP5 details or make an appointment with a SARS branch for further assistance.”***
 - ii) ***“Your return cannot be processed because the IRP5 certificate declared on your return has been submitted by another taxpayer. Please contact your employer to verify the IRP5 details or make an appointment with a SARS branch for further assistance.”***

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- b) Ensure that you read the message carefully to rectify the error with SARS before you will be able to proceed to submit your income tax return.

3.8 Rejected Return due to Invalid Tax Directive

- a) If you submit your Income tax return with a lump sum amount on a IRP5 certificate, SARS will perform verifications and one of the following messages may be displayed if the verification is unsuccessful and the return may be rejected:
 - i) ***“Please note that this return cannot be processed, the directive number captured on the IRP5 differs with Directive No. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX issued by SARS. Please contact the Fund Administrator/Employer to rectify the error and resubmit the return.”***
 - ii) ***Please note that this return cannot be processed, the accrual date on the IRP5 differs from the accrual date on the Directive No. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX issued by SARS. Contact the Fund Administrator/Employer to rectify the error and resubmit the return.***
 - iii) ***“Please note that this return cannot be processed, the Lump Sum source code on the IRP5 differs from the source code on Directive No. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX issued by SARS. Contact the Fund Administrator/Employer to rectify the error and resubmit the return.”***
 - iv) ***“Please note that this return cannot be processed, the Lump Sum amount on IRP5 differs from the Lump Sum amount on Directive No. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX issued by SARS. Contact the Fund Administrator /Employer to rectify the error and resubmit the return.”***
 - v) ***“Please note that this return cannot be processed, tax Directive No. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX was issued by SARS, but no Lump Sum amount is declared on the return. Contact the Fund Administrator/Employer to rectify the error and resubmit the return.”***
 - vi) ***“Please note that this return cannot be processed, a Certificate No. from the IRP5 is not captured on the return for Directive No. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX issued by SARS. Contact the Fund Administrator/Employer to rectify the error and resubmit the return.”***
- b) Once the Fund Administrator or Employer has corrected the error either on the IRP5/IT3(a) certificate to correspond with the information on the tax directive or the directive has been corrected to correspond with the information on the IRP5/IT3(a) certificate with SARS, you will be able to proceed to submit your income tax return. Ensure that you refresh the IRP5/IT3(a) data before completing the return.

4 CHANGE OF BANK DETAILS

- a) All changes to your banking details will be verified by SARS before your profile is updated. SARS will notify you if you are required to submit supporting documents to verify your banking details.
- b) On the homepage of the Individual eFiling profile a new button, the **“Update My Personal Income Tax Bank Account”** will be available to update bank details, as indicated in the below screen.

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The screenshot shows the SARS eFiling dashboard. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Returns, Services, Tax Status, Contact, and Log Out. Below this, the user's Portfolio and Taxpayer information are displayed. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Tax Compliance Status' and 'Refund Status'. In the 'Tax Compliance Status' section, there are three links: 'Want to submit previous year's return? Click here', 'Want to submit your return for 2025? Click Here', and 'Update My Personal Income Tax Bank Account'. The 'Update My Personal Income Tax Bank Account' link is highlighted with a red rectangular box. The 'Refund Status' section contains a 'Note' about the Statement of Account and a 'Refresh' button.

- c) Once you click the button, the “**Bank Detail Update**” screen will be displayed for completion.

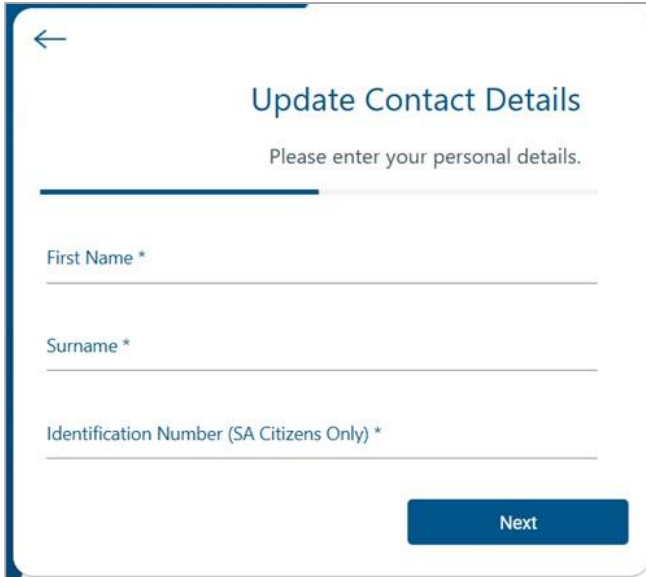
The screenshot shows the 'Banking Detail Update' form. At the top, there is a blue header with the title 'Banking Detail Update' and a sub-header 'Any changes will apply only to your Personal Income Tax bank details and will replace the currently linked details.' Below this, there are six input fields: 'Bank Name *', 'Branch Name *', 'Branch Number *', 'Account Number *', 'Account Type' (with radio buttons for Cheque, Savings, and Transmission), and 'Account Holder Name *'. At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Update Banking Details'.

- d) When a bank is selected, the branch name and the associated branch number will be populated in the respective fields.
- e) After completing the relevant information, click the “**Update Banking Details**” button or “**Cancel**” to be routed to the home screen.
- f) If you clicked “**Update Banking Details**”, the following confirmation message will be displayed to confirm that the Personal Income Tax bank details will be updated. Click “**Yes**” to proceed or “**No**”.

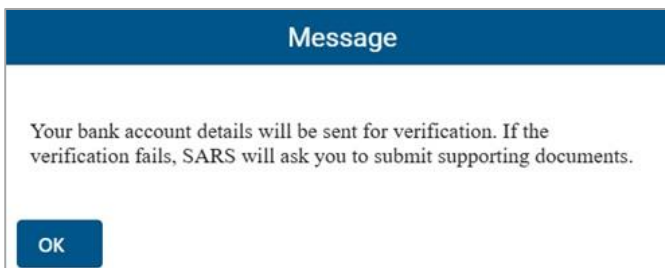
The screenshot shows a confirmation message box. It has a blue header with the title 'Message'. The main text reads: 'Your changes will update your Personal Income Tax bank details. Do you want to proceed?'. At the bottom of the box, there are two buttons: 'Yes' and 'No'.

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- g) Once you click “**Yes**” on the confirmation message, a one-time pin (OTP) has been introduced to the Personal Income Tax bank detail changes based on the logged in users’ security contact details.



- h) Once the bank details have been submitted to SARS, validations will be applied to ensure that the Bank details are valid and correct.
- i) Below is an example of a message that may be displayed if the bank detail change require verification and supporting documentation may be requested.



- j) Should you require any further information concerning banking detail changes, you can:
- i) Access the SARS website www.sars.gov.za;
 - ii) Call SARS on 0800 00 7277; or
 - iii) Make an appointment to visit your nearest SARS Office.
- k) **REMEMBER:** Without accurate bank details SARS cannot pay you a refund, where it is due.

5 COMPLETION OF THE INCOME TAX RETURN VIA EFILING

- a) On the eFiling Dashboard, the last refresh date and time along with the status to inform the taxpayer when the last status update was done on Tax Compliance Status, Refund Status and Account balance as indicated on the below screen.

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The screenshot shows the SARS eFiling dashboard. On the left, under 'Tax Compliance Status', there is a 'Non-Compliant' status and a timestamp 'As of: 2025-05-28 08:28:14'. Below this are three links: 'Want to submit previous year's return? Click here', 'Want to submit your return for 2025? Click Here', and 'Update My Personal Income Tax Bank Account'. On the right, under 'Refund Status: No refund due', there is a 'Refresh' button and a timestamp 'As of: 2025-05-28 08:28:23'. A note states: 'Note: Please note that you must refer to your Statement of Account for the latest account balance. Should your account reflect a credit (amount due to you), please allow up to 72 hours for the refund to be paid to you. Should the refund not be paid within the stated period, you can refer to the refund dashboard status for a reason for non-payment of the refund.' At the bottom, the 'Account Balance' is shown as 'R 185,567.70' with a timestamp 'As of: 2025-05-28 08:28:14' and a 'Pay Now' button.

- b) In the case where you want to submit a previous year's return, click the **“Want to submit previous year's return? Click here”** link and you will be directed to the Returns Issued page to select and request the return.

This screenshot shows a box containing three links: 'Want to submit previous year's return? Click here' (highlighted with a red border), 'Want to submit your return for 2025? Click Here', and 'Update My Personal Income Tax Bank Account'.

- c) To access the Income Tax Return, click on the relevant hyperlink for the tax year, e.g., 2025 for the tax year as indicated in the below screen.

The screenshot shows the 'Personal Income Tax (ITR12)' table. It has two columns: 'Tax Period' and 'Return Status'. The first row shows '2025' under 'Tax Period' and 'Issued on 2025-05-30' under 'Return Status'. The '2025' cell is highlighted with a red border.

- d) Alternatively, you can access the return as follows:
- Click on **“Returns”**
 - Click on **“Returns Issued”**
 - Click on **“Personal Income Tax (ITR12)”**
 - Select the appropriate year and click on **“Request Return”** if your return has not been automatically issued by SARS.

This screenshot shows the SARS eFiling 'Returns' page. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Returns', 'Services', 'Tax Status', 'Contact', and 'Log Out'. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Portfolio' dropdown menu and a 'Taxpayer' dropdown menu. The 'Taxpayer' dropdown is set to 'Individual'. Below these is a 'Return Search' section with a '2025' dropdown menu and a 'Request Return' button.

- e) If the tax residency status has been updated on the RAV01 form, the ITR12 will be auto refreshed with the taxpayer residency information when a return is issued, saved or a Request for Correction is initiated.
- f) You may click the tab **“Want to submit your return for 2025? Click Here”** as indicated in the below screen, and the Income Tax Return for 2025 will be displayed for completion.

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- g) In the case of an Insolvent estate, Deceased Estate, cease to be a Resident instance, you may select the 2026 tax year, the following message will be presented. Select “OK” to proceed for the reasons indicated or “Cancel” to select the appropriate year to submit.

Please note that if the return you requested is not in respect of:

- a deceased; or
- insolvency; or
- upon emigrating,

your return, when filed by you, will be selected for verification or audit, because the process in SARS of authenticating 3rd party data, that may have an impact on your assessment, has not been completed. If you do not fall within the stated categories, you are encouraged to file the return during the official Filing Season published on the website www.sars.gov.za. Please click “OK” button to proceed

OK **Cancel**

- h) An individual will not be allowed to request tax returns older than 5 years. The following message will be displayed if this instance: *“Please note that the tax return older than 5 years cannot be requested via eFiling or MobiApp. Please make an appointment with a branch office for further assistance to request and submit older than 5 years tax return(s).”*

RETURN COULD NOT BE ISSUED

Please note that the tax return older than 5 years cannot be requested via eFiling or MobiApp. Please make an appointment with a branch office for further assistance to request and submit older than 5 years tax return(s).

Back

- i) A registered tax practitioner will be able to request returns older than 5 years on eFiling, complete and submit these returns via eFiling or the SARS MobiApp.
- j) Once you have successfully requested your return, you will land on the “Income Tax Work Page”. A message will appear informing you that your Income tax return has been generated and contains the latest information SARS has on record for you.
- i) You are required to read the message carefully and select “OK” to continue.

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An income tax return has been generated for you containing the latest employee tax certificate [IRP5/IT3(a)] information that SARS has received for you from your employer/s. If your return does not contain all your tax certificate information it means that:

1. Either your employer/s has not yet submitted this information to SARS or
2. SARS is unable to match you to a tax certificate/s due to incomplete or inaccurate information on these certificates (e.g. it does not contain your ID or tax reference number).

SARS recommends that in such cases you do not file this return and rather try again later by refreshing your IRP5 data on the Income Tax

OK

- k) If your Income tax return has been issued, it will appear within the “Income Tax Work Page”, displayed within the grid.

INCOME TAX WORK PAGE

Taxpayer Name

Tax Period 2025

Tax Reference

Return Type ITR12

eFiling Status Issued

RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Issued	2025/05/28		1	Not Requested	

Maintain Legal Entity Details

Request Historic Documents Refresh Data Refund Status

- l) If the income tax return has been issued and/or saved prior to opening of 2025 Tax Season and updated information has been received by SARS from third parties, the following message will be displayed. Click “OK” to proceed and the system will automatically update the third-party information.

Please note that SARS has received new data since you last saved your return

Your return will be refreshed to reflect the latest data which MAY require you to recapture the data previously manually captured.

Please click “OK” to continue.

OK

- m) Before opening your Income tax return, ensure that you click the “**Refresh Data**” tab to populate the return fields with the most recent IRP5/Medical/Retirement Annuity/Investment Income/Tax Free Investment/Income from local farming operations (IT48)/Income from local partnership and farming operations (IT48V)/Partnership Details, as supplied to SARS by your employer/Medical Aid/Pension fund.

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RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
Refresh Data	This will refresh your IRP5/Medical/Retirement Annuity data and address data to the latest data available.	2025/05/28		1	Not Requested	

Request Historic Documents Refresh Data Refund Status

- n) Indicate the applicable third-party data to refresh and click “OK” to proceed or “Cancel” to be redirected to the Income Tax Work Page.

REFRESH DATA

Please note that the latest data from SARS may potentially overwrite the last set of data which you may have already captured in your current tax return. Click on the 'OK' button to continue refreshing your data or click on the 'Cancel' button to retain the data you may have already captured in your return.

☐ IRP5 Data
☐ Medical Data
☐ Retirement Annuity Data
☐ Investment Income
☐ Tax Free Investment
☐ Income from local farming operations (IT48)
☐ Income from local partnership and farming operations (IT48V)
☐ Partnership Details

OK Cancel

- o) The work page will indicate that the data is refreshed successfully.

RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Saved	2024		1	Not Requested	

Data refreshed successfully.

Maintain Legal Entity Details

Request Historic Documents Refresh Data Refund Status

- p) You can view third-party data certificates submitted by third party data providers on your behalf by selecting the “Third Party Data Certificate Search” tab on the Returns menu tab. Refer to “How to view submitted third party data returns or data files via eFiling – External Guide” for more information.

- SARS Correspondence
- Returns Issued
- Returns History
- Non-Core Taxes
- Returns Search
- Third Party Data Certificate Search

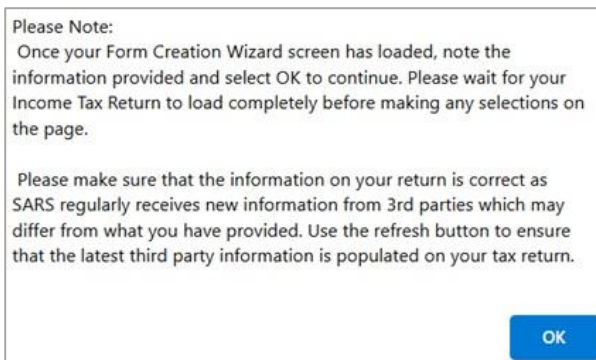
- q) Open your income tax return by clicking on the “My Tax Return (ITR12)” hyperlink.

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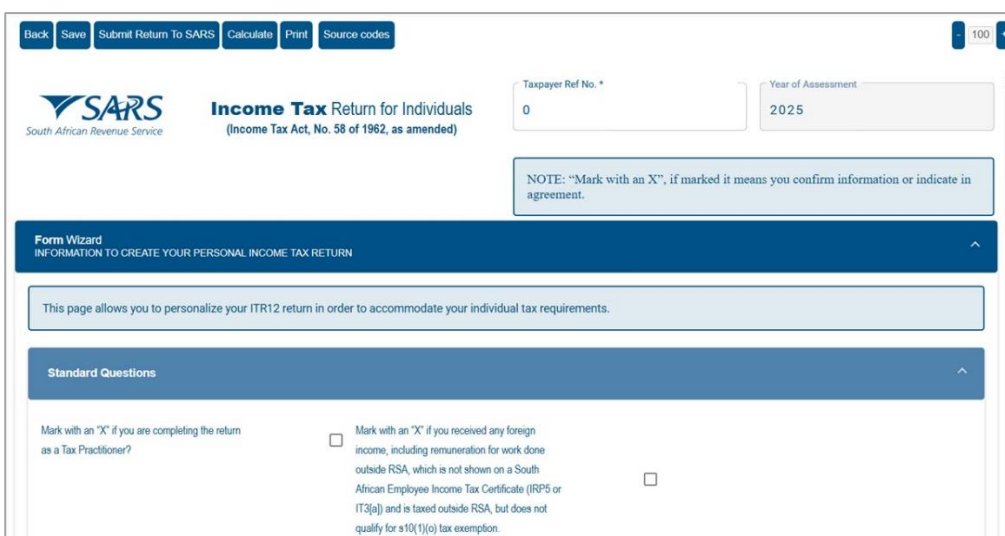
- r) If you would like to remove the left-hand menu to make the screen bigger, click on the three lines on the left corner of the screen.



- s) The income tax return will be displayed in HTML format. Ensure that you have a compatible browser to view the Income tax return.
- t) A warning message will be displayed to ensure that you allow the return to load before making any selections and to make sure that all the information on the return is correct, as SARS regularly receive new information from 3rd parties which may differ from what you have provided. Click 'OK' on the message to proceed.



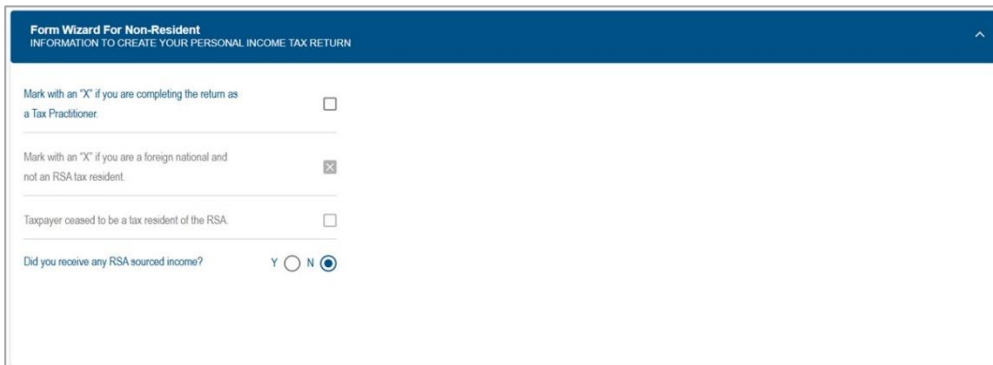
- u) Standard and Comprehensive questions will be displayed as the first page of your Income tax return for Individuals. This is a wizard that will aid in creating your customised Income tax return for Individuals. However, you only need to update the information if your tax affairs have changed over the past year, as your Income tax return will be customised with the same fields that you requested last year. To add extra income and deductions sections to your return, select the relevant options on the wizard.



- v) If you have selected the following statement, **“Mark with an “X” if you are a foreign national and not an RSA tax resident”**, the Form Wizard for Non-Resident will be displayed for completion, as indicated in the below screen. Refer to the **‘Comprehensive guide to the ITR12’** published on the SARS website to complete the ITR12 return.

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- w) If the tax residency status has been updated on the RAV01 form, the ITR12 will be auto refreshed with the taxpayer residency information when a return is issued, saved or a Request for Correction is initiated, and the below form wizard will be displayed for completion.



Form Wizard For Non-Resident
INFORMATION TO CREATE YOUR PERSONAL INCOME TAX RETURN

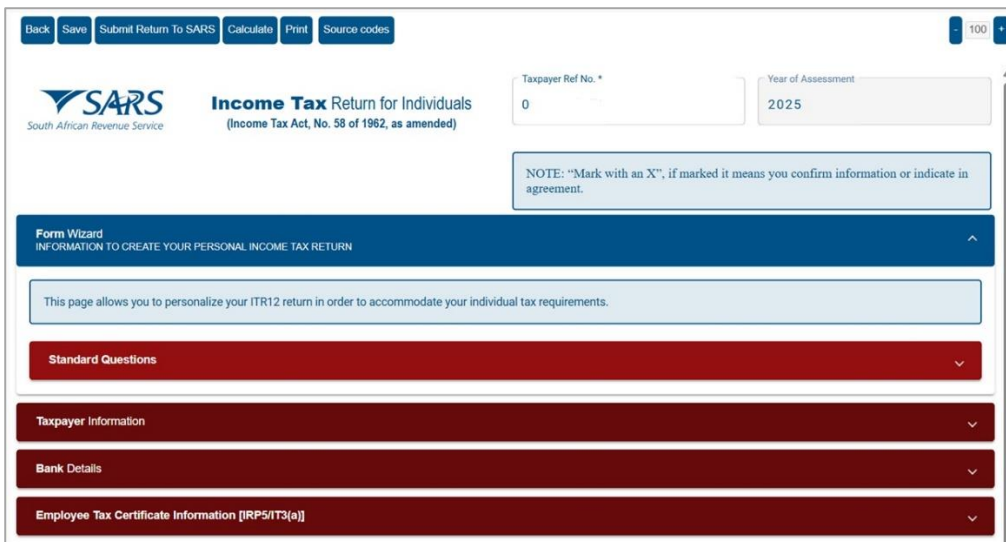
Mark with an "X" if you are completing the return as a Tax Practitioner. ☐

Mark with an "X" if you are a foreign national and not an RSA tax resident. ☒

Taxpayer ceased to be a tax resident of the RSA. ☐

Did you receive any RSA sourced income? Y ☐ N ☒

- x) Where information has not been completed, the relevant tab will be indicated in red, as displayed on the below screen.



Back Save Submit Return To SARS Calculate Print Source codes

SARS
South African Revenue Service

Income Tax Return for Individuals
(Income Tax Act, No. 58 of 1962, as amended)

Taxpayer Ref No. * 0 Year of Assessment 2025

NOTE: "Mark with an X", if marked it means you confirm information or indicate in agreement.

Form Wizard
INFORMATION TO CREATE YOUR PERSONAL INCOME TAX RETURN

This page allows you to personalize your ITR12 return in order to accommodate your individual tax requirements.

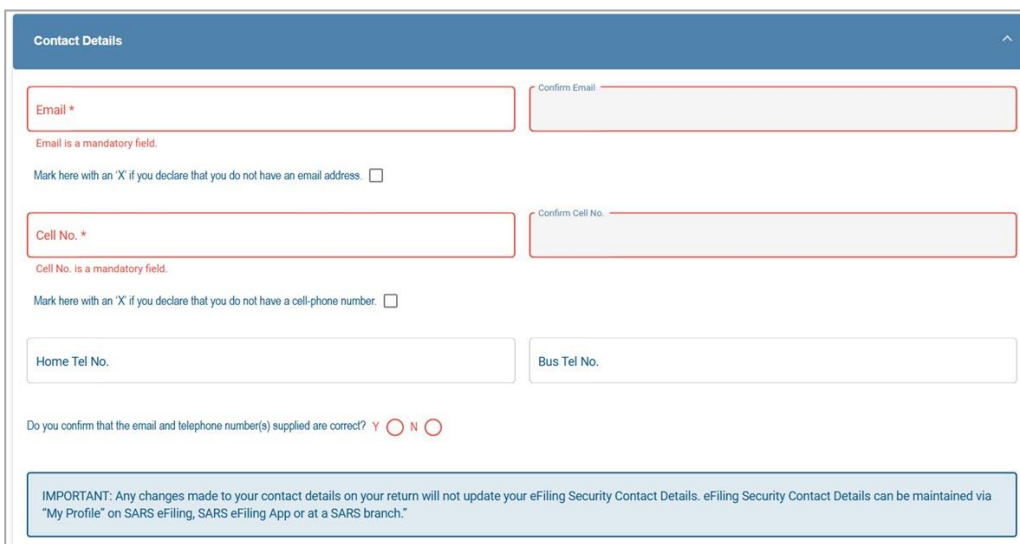
Standard Questions

Taxpayer Information

Bank Details

Employee Tax Certificate Information [IRP5/IT3(a)]

- i) **Note 1:** Mandatory fields are indicated in red. That implies that these fields must be completed.



Contact Details

Email * Confirm Email

Email is a mandatory field.

Mark here with an "X" if you declare that you do not have an email address. ☐

Cell No. * Confirm Cell No.

Cell No. is a mandatory field.

Mark here with an "X" if you declare that you do not have a cell-phone number. ☐

Home Tel No. Bus Tel No.

Do you confirm that the email and telephone number(s) supplied are correct? Y ☐ N ☐

IMPORTANT: Any changes made to your contact details on your return will not update your eFiling Security Contact Details. eFiling Security Contact Details can be maintained via "My Profile" on SARS eFiling, SARS eFiling App or at a SARS branch.

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- y) For a detailed description on how to complete the Income tax return for Individuals, and the various sections that will be applied during the assessment process of the return contained in the Acts: Income Tax Act No.58 of 1962 and the Tax Administration Act No 28 of 2011, refer to the '**Comprehensive guide to the ITR12**' published on the SARS website.
- i) **Note 2:** The personal information must be that of the taxpayer and not those of the tax practitioner completing the return on behalf of a client.
- ii) **Note 3:** If you are on eFiling and have not actively been working on the Income tax return, a session timeout message as indicated below will appear. You can choose to logout or to continue working on the return.



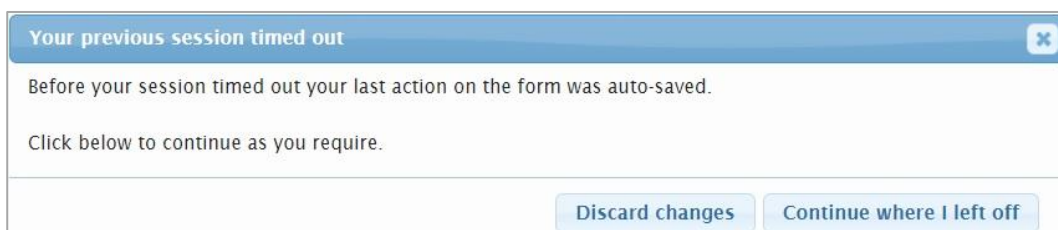
Session Timeout

You session will expire in 22 seconds

Click continue to keep working or Logout to exit the system.

Logout **Continue**

- iii) **Note 4:** If your session timed out, a message will be displayed to indicate that the form was auto saved, and you can either discard the changes or continue with the saved changes.



Your previous session timed out

Before your session timed out your last action on the form was auto-saved.

Click below to continue as you require.

Discard changes **Continue where I left off**

- z) Ensure all the information on the taxpayer information section is correct and up to date.
- aa) If you select "**married in community of property**" in the Marital Status field, the following fields in the Spouse Details container will become mandatory:
- Spouse initials;
 - Spouse ID No.; or
 - Spouse Passport No; and
 - Passport Country.
- bb) **Note 5:** To update your ID number or Passport Number, you are required to make an appointment on the SARS website or the SARS Mobile App to visit your nearest SARS Office.
- cc) If the populated information is incorrect, enter the correct information in the fields provided.
- dd) If you want to update your cell phone number and email address that are pre-populated in the Contact Details section of the return, delete the pre-populated information and fill in the new information.
- If your contact details are pre-populated on the return, select "**Yes**" or "**No**" to the question that you confirm that the email and telephone number(s) you provided is correct.
 - For more information, refer to the "**How to register for eFiling and manage your user profile**" available on the SARS website www.sars.gov.za
- ee) If your physical and postal address is prepopulated on the return, you will be able to change the address details if necessary.

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5.1 Bank Details Container on the ITR12 return

- a) The Bank Details section of the ITR12, consist of the following sections:
 - i) The Bank Account Holder Declaration.
 - A) Please note that the Account Holder Declaration statement will be defaulted to '*I use South African bank accounts*'
 - B) A message will be displayed in the Bank Account Details section to inform you that all changes to your banking details will be verified before updating your banking profile.
- b) Click the **"Add bank account details"** button on the Bank Account Holder Declaration header to change any pre-populated bank details, or **"Select from bank accounts"** button to use existing bank details that SARS on their system.



- c) A confirmation message will be displayed when you select either **"Select from bank accounts"** or **"Add bank account details"** button to edit the bank detail information. Click **"Yes"** or **"No"** to proceed.



- d) If you select **"Yes"**, the current bank details will be displayed, and new fields will be available to capture the new bank details.

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- e) After you have entered new bank details, click **“Update”** to proceed with the bank detail changes or **“Cancel”** to close the bank account details container.

- f) Upon selecting the **“Update”** button, the **“Banking Details Change”** page will be displayed to indicate the preferred method of communication to send the OTP to. Either email or cell number may be selected, and the preferred contact information will be displayed and masked. Click **“OK”** to proceed and the OTP will be sent.

- g) Ensure that you enter the correct OTP. Below is an example of an OTP for illustration purposes.

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One Time Pin

OTP has been sent to the following email address:

Pin expires in 1:39

3 8 8 4 - 2 4 3 0 0 1

One Time Pin is **required**

Please enter the last 6 digits of your OTP

Resend OTP
Submit

- h) Bank detail changes may be sent for verification, and the following notification may be displayed to inform you that if the bank detail verification fails, SARS will request supporting documents.



Information

Your bank account details will be sent for verification. If the verification fails, SARS will ask you to submit supporting documents.

OK

- i) Once the bank details have been successfully updated, you will be routed back to the ITR12 return for completion.
- j) The request for an OTP when updating banking details will be applicable to ITR12 submissions and Request for Corrections (RFC) only.
- k) If you select “*I declare that I have no South African bank account*” and there are current bank details saved at SARS, the following message will be displayed to confirm that the existing bank details will be deleted. Click “OK” to proceed.

You are changing your existing bank account declaration. Please note all existing bank details will be cleared.

OK

- l) If you have no local bank account or use a third-party bank account, select the applicable option from the Account Holder Declaration drop down menu.
- Select the relevant reason for no local bank account or use a South African bank account of a third party and click “**Update**” to proceed.
 - Mark the agreement statement box with “**X**” in the Bank Account Details container.

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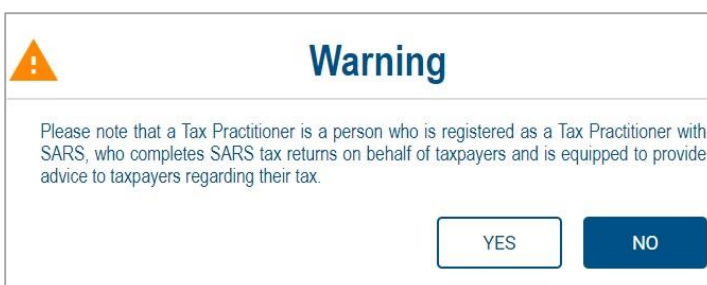
The form is titled "Bank Account Holder Declaration". It has two tabs: "Current Banking Details" and "Bank Account Details". Under "Current Banking Details", there is a dropdown menu for "Account Holder Declaration" with the option "I declare that I have no South African bank account". Under "Bank Account Details", there is a dropdown menu for "Reason for No Local / 3rd Party Bank Account" with options: "Non-resident without a local bank account", "Income below tax threshold / Impractical", and "Statutory restrictions".

- m) **Note 7:** If you indicated that you do not have a South African Bank account and later this is found to be incorrect, SARS may impose administrative penalties of up to R16000 depending on your taxable income.
- n) You are reminded to check your banking details if the system identifies that you have filed an incorrect banking account number.
- o) To correct your banking account number:
- Click "Open Return" to rectify the account number; or
 - Click "Continue" if you are certain that your banking details are correct.
 - If you choose to continue and your banking details are incorrect, your return will not be filed but will be saved until you correct the banking details.
- p) If the banking details are incorrect the status of the return will be displayed as "**Saved with invalid bank details**". Ensure that you capture and submit the correct banking details to SARS.

RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Saved with invalid bank details	2025/05/30		1	Not Requested	
Maintain Legal Entity Details Request Historic Documents Refresh Data Refund Status						

5.2 Additional information when completing the Income Tax Return

- a) If the ITR12 form are completed by a tax practitioner, the following message will be displayed when the first question "Mark with an "X" if this declaration is made by a Tax Practitioner?" is marked. If you select 'NO', the question will be unmarked. If you select 'YES', the Tax Practitioner Details container will be displayed for completion.



Warning

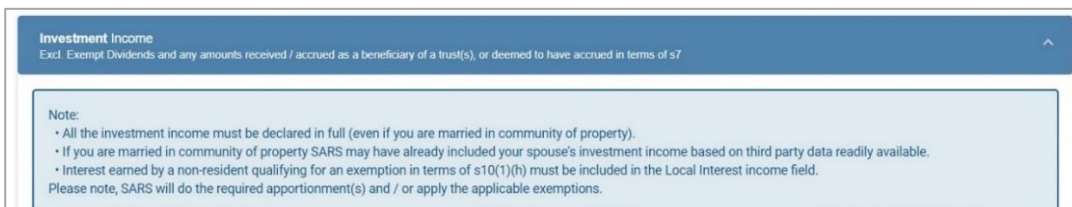
Please note that a Tax Practitioner is a person who is registered as a Tax Practitioner with SARS, who completes SARS tax returns on behalf of taxpayers and is equipped to provide advice to taxpayers regarding their tax.

YES NO

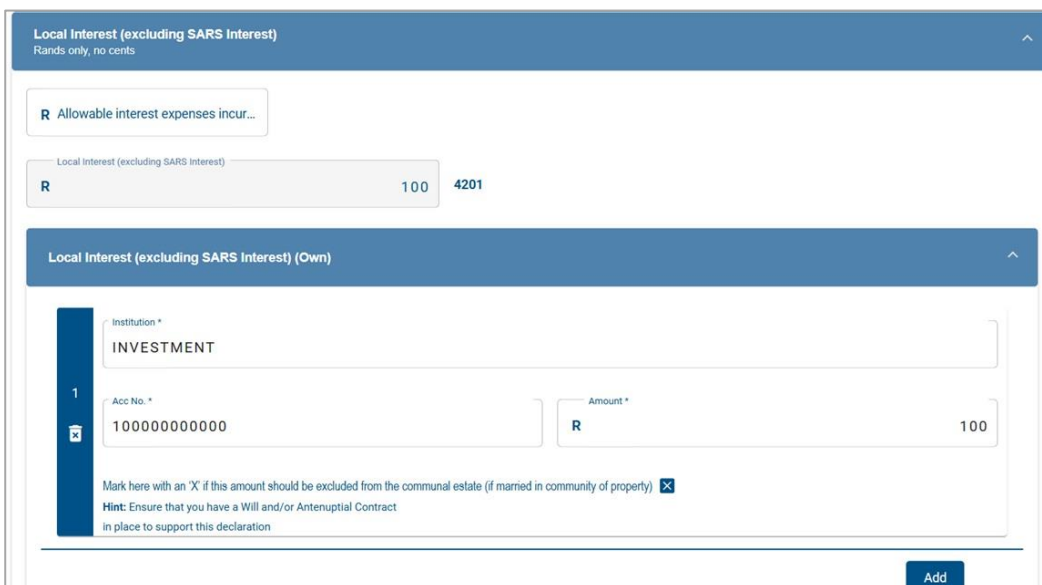
- b) Compare your IRP5/IT3 (a) certificate(s) received to the populated information provided on your Income tax return.
- i) Where your employer/pension fund has not submitted your IRP5/IT3(a) information to SARS, your Income tax return will not be populated. You have the following options:
- Click on "**Save Return**" and refresh the return by selecting the "**Refresh Data**" button on the Income Tax Work Page; or
 - Enter the information in the fields provided.
 - If you choose to file your Income tax return when not all your IRP5/IT3(a) information has been submitted by your employer/pension fund(s), your assessment may be delayed, and you may be required to submit supporting documents.

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- c) Depending on which of the standard and comprehensive questions were selected, the relevant containers will be displayed for completion.
- d) SARS will prepopulate information relating to the investment income (i.e., local interest, foreign interest, foreign dividends, Distribution from a Real Estate Investment Trust/s (REIT), Tax Free Investments, etc.).
- When you have to manually complete the Investment Income section of the return, and the data has not been pre-populated with data received by SARS from third parties, click the **"Add"** button to add the relevant investment income information, where applicable.
 - From 2024 year of assessment, if you are married in community of property, the investment income section will display the relevant containers where spouse information is pre-populated (from third party data) or editable for completion, where applicable.



- e) Below is an example of the Investment Income section of the ITR12. Click the **"Add"** button to complete any additional information to declare.



- f) When completing the Voluntary Disclosure Programme (VDP) section of the return and a VDP number is completed and the submission of the return result in a refund, the return will be rejected on eFiling with the status on the Income Tax Work Page as "Rejected by SARS" and the following message will be displayed to the user *"The Return you are submitting does not meet the Voluntary Disclosure Programme legislative framework. Please contact the Voluntary Disclosure Unit for more information."*
- g) **Please note: Medical deductions in respect of a person with a disability** – As a result of a change in legislation, an ITR-DD form, **Confirmation of diagnosis of disability for an individual taxpayer**, which is available on the SARS website www.sars.gov.za, has been designed and contains the criteria for the diagnosis of disability. These legislative changes are effective from 1 March 2009 and are applicable from the 2010 year of assessment.
- For further assistance, refer to the **"Tax Guide on the Deduction of Medical Expenses"** available on the SARS website www.sars.gov.za

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6 SUBMIT THE INCOME TAX RETURN ON EFILING

- a) At any stage you can save your Income tax return before submitting it by clicking on **“Save”**.
- b) *Tax practitioners that have not re-registered and received accreditation as a Tax Practitioner by a Recognised Controlling Body, will be regarded as unregistered tax practitioners and will no longer be permitted to submit returns on behalf of their clients. Unregistered tax practitioners will have the ability to prepare and save Income tax returns on behalf of their clients, but the submission of the prepared returns may only be performed by the Taxpayer.*
- c) Submission of the return saved by the taxpayer may only be performed in either of the following ways:
 - i) By the taxpayer on his/her own eFiling profile via the shared access functionality on eFiling.
 - ii) By the taxpayer visiting a SARS Office, where the taxpayer must inform the Service Consultant that the return has been prepared by an unregistered tax practitioner, and the Service Consultant will retrieve the saved return and submit from the SARS systems.
- d) Unregistered tax practitioners will be able to complete the Income tax return on behalf of the taxpayer and will have the following options available:
 - i) **Save** – this option will allow saving of the return without performing form validations and will allow the incomplete return to be saved on eFiling.
 - ii) **Save Return For Filing** – this option will allow form validations to be performed when the Income tax return is saved on eFiling. The return will be available for retrieval at the SARS branch office by an agent from the SARS systems to be submitted or retrieved on eFiling by the taxpayer via shared access for return submission.



- e) NOTES:
 - i) The completion of the Income tax return will be the same as the current process.
 - ii) The **“Submit return to SARS”** and **“Request for Correction”** options will not be available to unregistered tax practitioners.
- f) After the completion of the Income tax return and selection of the **“Save Return for Filing”** button, the following screen will be displayed to indicate that the Income tax return has **NOT** been filed.



- g) The status of the Income tax return will be indicated as **“Prepared for Filing”** on the Income Tax work page.

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INCOME TAX WORK PAGE

Taxpayer Name

Tax Period 2025

Tax Reference

Return Type ITR12

eFiling Status

Saved For Filing

RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Prepared For Filing	2025/06/02		1	Not Requested	

Maintain Legal Entity Details

Request Historic Documents Refresh Data Refund Status

- h) Notices regarding the successful submission of the Income tax return will be sent to eFiling of the unregistered tax practitioner as per the current functionality including the requests for supporting documents.
- i) eFiling will check the correctness of specific information. Where information is incorrect and/or incomplete, eFiling will prompt you to correct the captured information before your return can be submitted. Below is an example of the message that may be displayed.

Information

Please ensure that you complete the following mandatory fields before submitting the form:

- Were any foreign tax credits refunded/discharged during the year of assessment for which a rebate/deduction was allowed during a previous year of assessment? is a mandatory field.
- Were any SARS approved Venture Capital Company shares sold during the year of assessment for which a tax deduction was allowed? is a mandatory field.
- Did you receive any foreign income apart from foreign interest and foreign dividend income and excluding foreign capital gain transactions? is a mandatory field.
- Did you dispose of any foreign capital assets attracting capital gain or loss (including crypto asset(s))? is a mandatory field.
- Initials is a mandatory field.

Note that you have more than 5 fields that need to be completed. These fields will be displayed once the above mentioned fields have been corrected.

OK

- j) Once you have captured all the information on your Income tax return and you are ready to submit it to SARS, simply click **"Submit return to SARS"**.
- k) The Declaration screen will be displayed with the pre-populated date. Click **"Confirm"** to proceed to submit the return to SARS or **"Cancel"** to be routed back to the return.

Declaration

I declare that:

- The information furnished in this return is true and correct in every respect; and
- I have disclosed in full the gross amounts of all income accrued to or received by me during the period covered by this return; and
- I have the necessary receipts and records to support all my declarations on this form which I will retain for inspection purposes

Date: 2025 / 06 / 01

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Confirm Cancel

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- l) You will receive confirmation when your Income tax return has been submitted.

DETAILS			
Tax Reference Number	1	Period	2025
RESULT			
<p>Your return has been successfully submitted.</p> <p>Please note that you may follow up on the SARS assessment progress of your return on the Income Tax Work Page.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Continue</p>			

- m) After the successful submission of the ITR12 return, you will be prompted to complete a survey. Select “Yes” to complete the survey and “No” to close the message and not complete the survey.

Thank you for your submission
✕

Please take a moment to complete a survey on your tax return submission experience. Continue to survey?

[Yes](#)
[No](#)

- n) Once you click “**Continue**”, the “**Query SARS Status**” button will appear on the Income Tax Work Page, enabling you to query the status of your ITR12 return.
- o) If the Return is still in process, the status on the Income Tax Work Page will be indicated as “**In Progress**”.

INCOME TAX WORK PAGE ?

Taxpayer Name

Tax Period

2025

Tax Reference

Return Type

ITR12

eFiling Status

In Progress

RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Filed through eFiling	2025/06/02		1	Not Requested	!

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[Refund Status](#)

- p) Alternatively, if an assessment has been issued, the status will be updated to indicate “Assessment received”. A pop-up message will be displayed to indicate that the assessment has been issued. Click “OK” on the message to open the ITA34 or “Cancel” to close the message.

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INCOME TAX WORK PAGE

Taxpayer Name
Tax Period 2025
Tax Reference
Return Type ITR12

eFiling Status
Assessment received

RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Filed through eFiling	2025/06/02				

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Query SARS Status Request Correction Refund Status

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

ASSESSMENT	DESCRIPTION	DATE	MESSAGE
ITA34	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	2025/06/02	1

Request Historic Notice Dispute \ Suspension Of Payment Request For Reason

Your assessment has just been issued
Your assessment has just been issued, click open to view your assessment
Open Cancel

q) This is an example of a status:

SARS Status

Your Income Tax Return has been assessed and you should receive your Notice of Assessment as an attachment in your eFiling profile within the next two weeks.

Close

- r) **Remember** – check the status of your return on the Income Tax Work Page to ensure that it reflects as filed.
- s) **Note:** If you would like to change any information, except for personal details on your return after you have submitted, click on “**Request Correction**” on the Income Tax Work Page. Your return will be displayed, and you can make the necessary changes and resubmit. Refer to the Request for Correction section below.

6.1 Returns submitted through another channel

- a) If you have already submitted your income tax return or required supporting documents for your income tax return in the past 3 years to SARS via the SARS branches or using the SARS Mobile Application (SARS MobiApp) and your notice of assessment has been issued, eFiling will be updated with these returns and supporting documents allowing you to view or correct your submitted return via eFiling.
- b) Alternatively, newly registered eFiling users, will also be able to view and correct returns that have been submitted through another channel in the last 3 years.
- c) The status on the Income Tax Work Page will be displayed as “Filed through another channel”.
- d) **Note:** The update of these return statuses will include overdue returns reflected on eFiling that has already been submitted to SARS through another channel.

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7 ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONALITY RELATING TO THE INCOME TAX RETURN

7.1 Tax Calculator

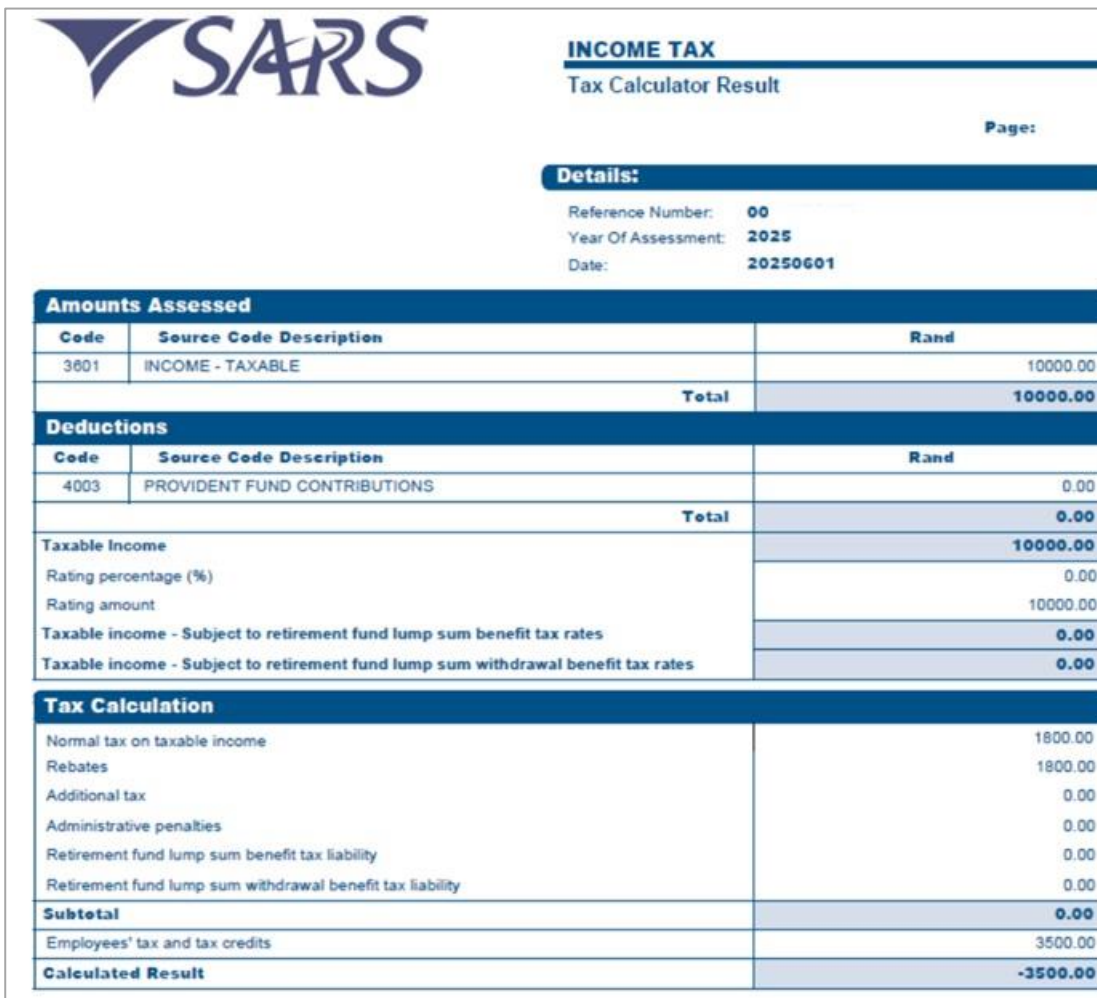
- a) Before submitting your Income tax return to SARS, we recommend that you check your return for accuracy using the tax calculator function that will provide you with an indication of your expected assessment. If the result is significantly different from what you are expecting, you may have made an error in completing your return. To use the tax calculator, first save your return by clicking the **“Save”** button, open the return, and click the **“Calculate”** button on the toolbar.



- b) If you make changes on your return after this, a message will appear to indicate that your return was updated since the last calculation. Select **“View Previous Calculation”** to view the calculation or select **“Close Window”** to proceed.



- c) Note that the tax calculator result is not always 100% correct but only an estimate of what the assessment could be.



Amounts Assessed		
Code	Source Code Description	Rand
3001	INCOME - TAXABLE	10000.00
Total		10000.00

Deductions		
Code	Source Code Description	Rand
4003	PROVIDENT FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	0.00
Total		0.00

Taxable Income	10000.00
Rating percentage (%)	0.00
Rating amount	10000.00
Taxable income - Subject to retirement fund lump sum benefit tax rates	0.00
Taxable income - Subject to retirement fund lump sum withdrawal benefit tax rates	0.00

Tax Calculation		
Normal tax on taxable income	1800.00	
Rebates	1800.00	
Additional tax	0.00	
Administrative penalties	0.00	
Retirement fund lump sum benefit tax liability	0.00	
Retirement fund lump sum withdrawal benefit tax liability	0.00	
Subtotal	0.00	
Employees' tax and tax credits	3500.00	
Calculated Result	-3500.00	

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- d) This version of the tax calculation will be saved and is available on the Income Tax work page under **"Calculation results"**.
 - i) The tax calculator will not be available for complex returns.

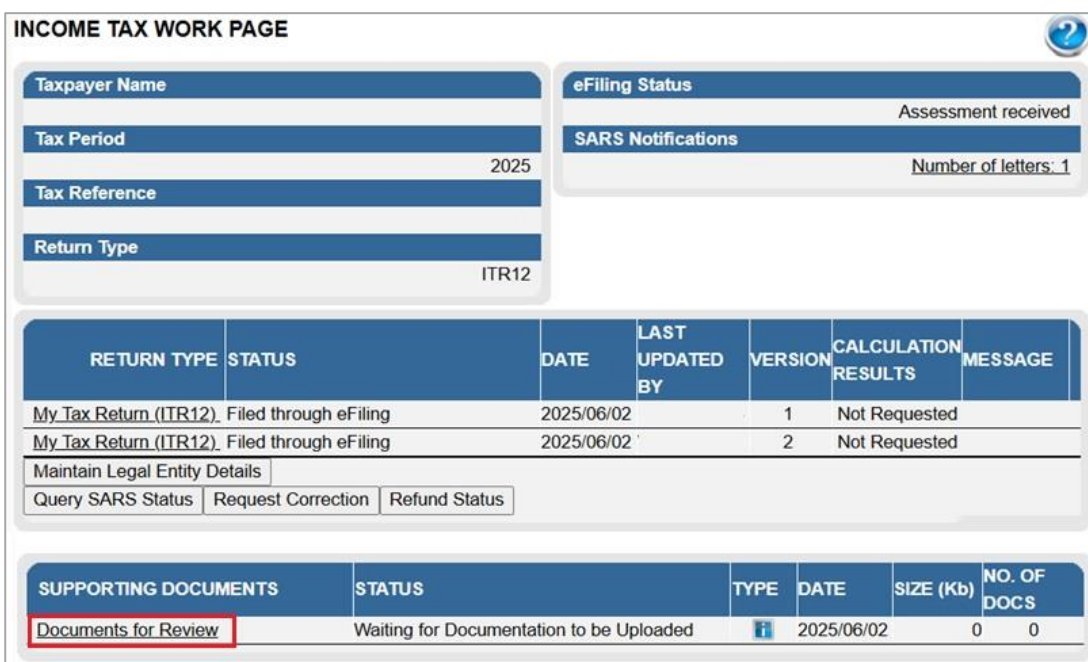
7.2 Submission of Supporting Documents

- a) If your return has been selected for verification or audit, SARS may request the supporting documents to justify the claim made on the Income tax return. This section will outline the procedure to upload supporting documents via eFiling.
- b) Ensure that the following standards are adhered to when supporting documents are uploaded:
 - i) The file type may be .pdf, .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .jpg and .gif to enable SARS to view the documents.
 - ii) The maximum allowable size per document may not be more than 5MB and a maximum of 20 documents may be uploaded.
- c) **Note:** When uploading supporting documents, make sure they are not password protected, as this will prevent us from viewing the files.
- d) On the landing page of your eFiling page, a status will be indicated that Supporting Documents is required.



Personal Income Tax (ITR12)		
Status:	Awaiting Supporting Documents	
		Upload
Tax Period	Return Status	Due Date
2025	Filed through eFiling on 2025-06-02	2025-10-20

- e) Alternatively, on the Income Tax Work Page, a supporting documents tab will be created to upload all required supporting documents to SARS. Click the relevant hyperlink as displayed below to proceed to upload documents.



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Taxpayer Name
Tax Period
Tax Reference
Return Type

eFiling Status
 Assessment received
SARS Notifications
 Number of letters: 1

RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Filed through eFiling	2025/06/02		1	Not Requested	
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Filed through eFiling	2025/06/02		2	Not Requested	

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[Query SARS Status](#) [Request Correction](#) [Refund Status](#)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	STATUS	TYPE	DATE	SIZE (Kb)	NO. OF DOCS
Documents for Review	Waiting for Documentation to be Uploaded		2025/06/02	0	0

- f) The Supporting Documents screen will be displayed.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR RETURN SUBMISSIONS

For more information on how to use this functionality, please click [here](#).

TAXPAYER DETAILS

Taxpayer Name: VI

Tax Reference Number: 000

Return Type: Individual Income Tax (ITR12)

UPLOAD SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Please ensure that all documents are correctly classified and successfully uploaded before submitting this group.

Document Name: No file chosen

Very important:

- The following file types may be uploaded: .pdf, .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .jpg and .gif.
- The maximum allowable size of each file uploaded may not exceed 5Mb per document.
- The following files may not be uploaded as they will result in the entire group of documents being rejected:
 - X Documents with the same name.
 - X Password protected documents.
 - X Spread sheets with multiple sheets.
 - X Blank or empty documents.

UPLOADED DOCUMENTS

No documents have been uploaded.

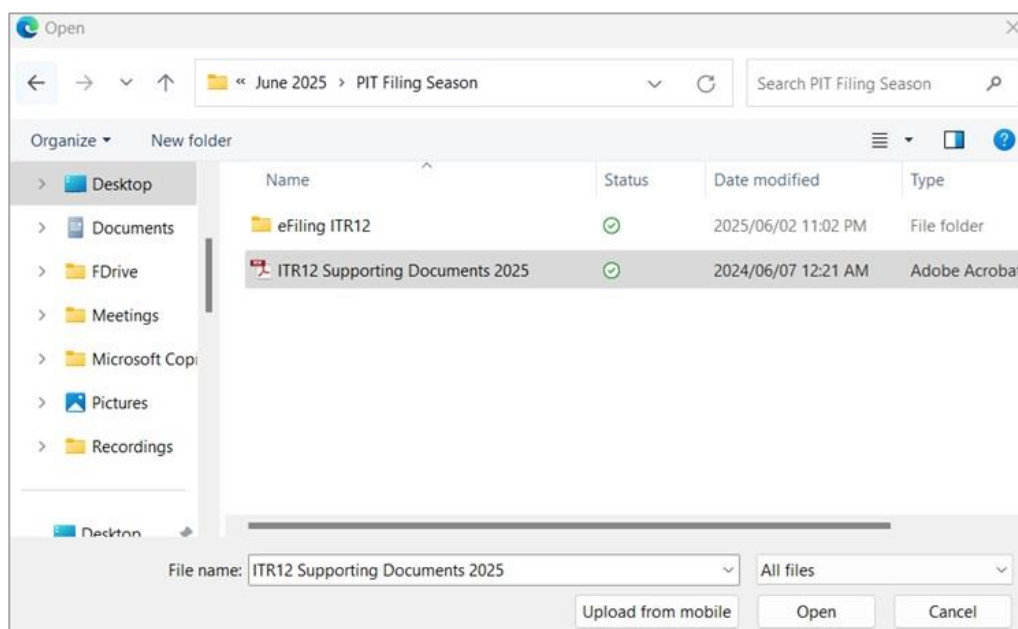
DOCUMENT GROUP

Please provide a group name for all the documents that you have uploaded above.

Document group name

Status Waiting for Documentation to be Uploaded

- g) Select the **“Choose file”** tab to select the file(s) to be uploaded and click the **“Open”** button to upload.



- h) The file will be indicated on the **“Upload Supporting documents”** section. Click the **“Upload”** button to continue.

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UPLOAD SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Please ensure that all documents are correctly classified and successfully uploaded before submitting this group.

Document Name: **ITR12 Supporting Documents 2025.pdf**

Very important:

- The following file types may be uploaded: .pdf, .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .jpg and .gif.
- The maximum allowable size of each file uploaded may not exceed 5Mb per document.
- The following files may not be uploaded as they will result in the entire group of documents being rejected:
 - X Documents with the same name.
 - X Password protected documents.
 - X Spread sheets with multiple sheets.
 - X Blank or empty documents.

- i) The file will be uploaded and listed in the “**Uploaded Documents**” section. To remove the file, select the tick box and click the “**Remove**” button and confirm the removal of the file.

UPLOAD SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Please ensure that all documents are correctly classified and successfully uploaded before submitting this group.

Document Name: No file chosen

File successfully uploaded.

Very important:

- The following file types may be uploaded: .pdf, .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .jpg and .gif.
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UPLOADED DOCUMENTS

Document Name	File Size	Success	File Status	Date / Time Uploaded	Open	Remove
ITR12 Supporting Documents 2025.pdf	16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Converted and stored	2025/06/02 23:06:36	View	<input type="checkbox"/>

DOCUMENT GROUP

Please provide a group name for all the documents that you have uploaded above.

Document group name

Status Uploaded

- j) After uploading all the files, click the “**Submit to SARS**” button to submit the supporting documents to SARS. Click “**OK**” on the confirmation message to confirm all the documents have been uploaded or “**Cancel**” to upload or remove documents.

Are you sure that these are all the documents which you require to submit?

- k) The status on the Income Tax work Page under the Supporting Documents section will be updated to “**Submitted**”.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	STATUS	TYPE	DATE	SIZE (Kb)	NO. OF DOCS
Documents for Review	Submitted		2025/06/02	16	1

- l) The SARS Online Query System may also be used to submit supporting documents, if you have the correct case number to ensure that the supporting documents are attached to the correct case.

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7.3 Revising your Income Tax Return

- a) To revise an initial submitted Income tax return, the taxpayer/tax representative should use the function “**Request Correction**” on eFiling to re-submit an updated Income tax return to SARS. This function must be used when an error was made during the completion of the initial return.
- b) A request for correction (to resubmit a revised Income tax return) however, will not be permitted in the following instances:
 - i) If the return is on an issued or saved state;
 - ii) If one allowable request for correction has been submitted for an active verification in progress;
 - iii) An active audit case is in progress;
 - iv) An agreed estimate was performed by SARS for the Personal Income tax;
 - v) SARS has finalised an audit case or a Revised Declaration of your Personal Income tax; or
 - vi) If supporting documents for an active verification case has been submitted.
- c) If you select “Request Correction” and SARS is busy with the verification or audit of the ITR12 return, the following message will be displayed to inform you that the correction is not allowed:
 - i) *The ITR12 cannot be amended - an active audit is in progress for the individual.*
 - ii) *The ITR12 cannot be amended - a SARS audit has been finalised in respect of this period for the individual. Please submit an objection if dissatisfied with the assessment.*
- d) Once the Request for Correction has been submitted, no action will be taken on the previous version as it will be replaced by the new version.
- e) On the Income Tax Work Page click on the tab “**Request Correction**” displayed below the “**My Tax Return (ITR12)**” hyperlink.

RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
My Tax Return (ITR12). Filed through eFiling		2025/06/02		1	Not Requested	
Maintain Legal Entity Details						
Query SARS Status Request Correction Refund Status						

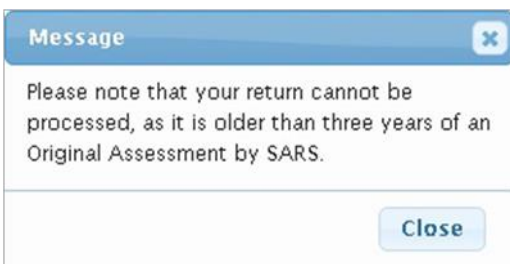
- f) An additional row will be displayed on the “Income Tax Work Page” where the status is recorded as saved and version is recorded as 2. The version number is dependent on the number of corrections requested.

RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
My Tax Return (ITR12). Filed through eFiling		2025/06/02		1	Not Requested	
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Saved	2025/06/02		2	Not Requested	
Maintain Legal Entity Details						
Query SARS Status Refresh Data Refund Status						

- g) Click on the hyperlink “**My Tax Return ITR12**” of the “**Saved**” status and the previous version of the Income tax return will be displayed.

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- h) Complete the amendments in this version of the Income tax return and proceed to submit the new version of your Income tax return.
- i) If you request for correction on assessment that is older than 3 years after the date of assessment of the original assessment, and the request for correction result in a "Reduced Assessment" the assessment will be auto cancelled the following message *"Please note that your return cannot be processed, as it is older than three years of an Original Assessment by SARS"* will be displayed and you will not be allowed to request a correction.



8 TAX VERIFICATIONS OF DECLARATIONS FOR PERSONAL INCOME TAX (3RD PARTY DATA MISMATCH)

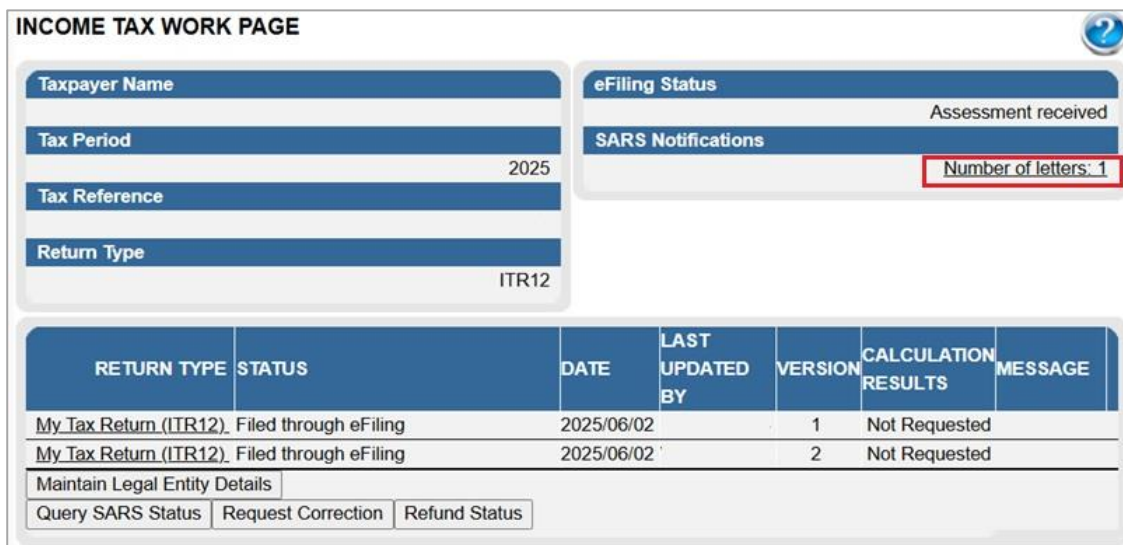
- a) Taxpayers may receive a verification letter from SARS in relation to the Income tax return submitted which stipulates that they are presented with an opportunity to substantiate the declaration by either submitting supporting documents or a request for correction (RFC) to correct any errors made on the return within 15 working days from the date of the letter. Failure to submit a request for correction or provide the supporting documents to substantiate the declaration, may result in an Understatement Penalty (USP) of up to 200% in terms of the Tax Administration Act (TAA) No. 28 of 2011.
- b) The following actions may result in no understatement Penalty (USP) being imposed:
 - i) Submission of supporting documents which fully supports the claim lodged on the Income tax return.
- c) The following actions may result in an appropriate understatement Penalty (USP) being imposed in line with the understatement Penalty policy guidelines.
 - i) Submission of a request for correction (RFC) where the amounts of the claim are adjusted in part or in full, in line with the data in SARS possession.
 - ii) Submission of supporting documents which only supports a portion of the claim.
 - iii) The taxpayer does not respond to the audit letters which implies that the taxpayer is non-compliant.
 - iv) If the taxpayer submits supporting documents which do not support the claim.
- d) Note the message states that an understatement penalty of 100% will be imposed in terms of the TA Act if it is determined that an incorrect statement was made in your original declaration.

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- i) If you accept the declaration displayed on the message by clicking on the “Accept” button, the user will be presented with a saved copy of the last ITR12 return. Revise the return by referring to section 7.3 of this guide.
- ii) If you do not accept the declaration displayed on the message by clicking “Decline”, you will be presented with a notification that further communicates the consequences of your choice to decline.
 - A) Note the message states that an understatement penalty of 200% will be imposed in terms of the TA Act if you fail to supply SARS with the supporting documents or a request for correction of your previous claim.
- e) Kindly note the contents of the understatement penalty message(s), as it is a declaration between the taxpayer and SARS.
- f) To resolve the verification or audit, SARS may request the supporting documents to justify the claim made on the Income tax return.

8.1 Retrieving the Audit Verification Letters

- a) The taxpayer will be notified via SMS/email, of an audit letter/correspondence which has been sent to him/her. The email correspondence will include a link that will direct the taxpayer to the SARS eFiling web page. The SMS on the other hand will advise the taxpayer that he/she has received correspondence from SARS and must login to eFiling to view it. The letter may be viewed by the user, on their eFiling profile, either by accessing the Income Tax Work Page or the SARS Correspondence functionality.
- b) On the “Income tax Work page”, click the “**Number of letters**” hyperlink.



INCOME TAX WORK PAGE

Taxpayer Name
Tax Period 2025
Tax Reference
Return Type ITR12

eFiling Status Assessment received

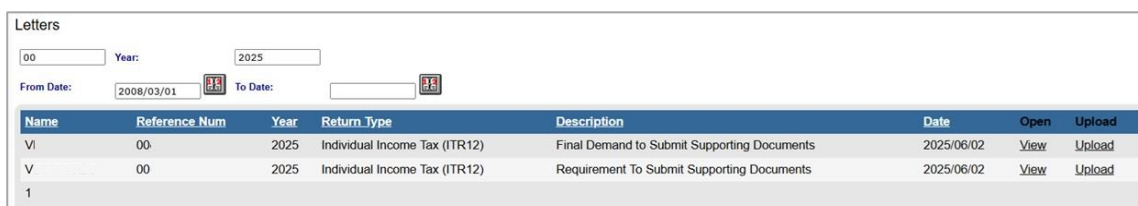
SARS Notifications **Number of letters: 1**

RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Filed through eFiling	2025/06/02		1	Not Requested	
My Tax Return (ITR12)	Filed through eFiling	2025/06/02		2	Not Requested	

Maintain Legal Entity Details

Query SARS Status Request Correction Refund Status

- c) The Letters screen will be displayed with all the issued correspondence, as indicated in the below screen.



Letters

00 Year: 2025

From Date: 2008/03/01 To Date:

Name	Reference Num	Year	Return Type	Description	Date	Open	Upload
VI	00	2025	Individual Income Tax (ITR12)	Final Demand to Submit Supporting Documents	2025/06/02	View	Upload
V	00	2025	Individual Income Tax (ITR12)	Requirement To Submit Supporting Documents	2025/06/02	View	Upload

- d) Click on the “**View**” hyperlink to open and view the letter.
- e) Alternatively, the letter can be accessed using the SARS Correspondence menu option on the left of the screen by navigating on eFiling as follows:

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SARS Correspondence

Search Correspondence

Request PAYE Notices

Request Admin Penalty SOA

Request Historic IT Notices

- f) Click on “**Search Correspondence**” and the search fields will be displayed. Complete the relevant search fields and click “Search” to proceed.

Search Correspondence

☒ ALL
 ☐ READ
 ☐ UNREAD

Tax Types
All

Tax Year
All

Received Date From *
2024/12/04

Received Date To *
2025/06/02

Letter Type
All

Notice Types
All

Message Type
All

Reference Number

Clear

Search

- g) **Note: Ensure that the correct date is selected before clicking on the search button.**

Name	Tax Reference Number	Tax Type	Year/Period	Date	Description	View	Document
V	00	Individual Income Tax (ITR12)	2025	2025/06/02 22:50:10	Final Demand to Submit Supporting Documents	View	Upload
V	00	Individual Income Tax (ITR12)	2025	2025/06/02 22:39:08	Requirement To Submit Supporting Documents	View	Upload
V	00i	Individual Income Tax (ITR12)	2025	2025/06/02 22:33:44	IT34 - REDUCED ASSESSMENT	View	
V	00i	Individual Income Tax (ITR12)	2025	2025/06/02 10:38:55	IT34 - ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	View	

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- h) The correspondence issued will be listed. To open and view the correspondence, click on the “**View**” button, or select the “**Upload**” button to upload any required supporting documents.

8.2 Completion of the RFC and the submission of supporting documents (receipt of the second letter)

- If after submitting a request for correction in response to the verification of income tax declaration letter, and the revised declaration still does not match with SARS records, then a request for supporting documents letter will be issued.
- Refer to the Submission of Supporting Documents in section 6.2 of this guide on how to submit supporting documents to SARS.

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9 ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS ON EFILING

- a) eFiling cannot only be used for filing purposes but rather for a variety of functions. These functions include revising your Income tax return, uploading supporting documents, receiving a pre calculated ITA34, statement of account to name a few. These additional functions are to be used by the taxpayer/tax representative to assist you in filing an accurate return which will give you a more comprehensive view of your income tax for the current and preceding financial years, thus ultimately encouraging control over your income tax filing responsibilities. This section will take you through the list of functions that you may use to assist you in filing your income tax return.

9.1 Request Historic Documents

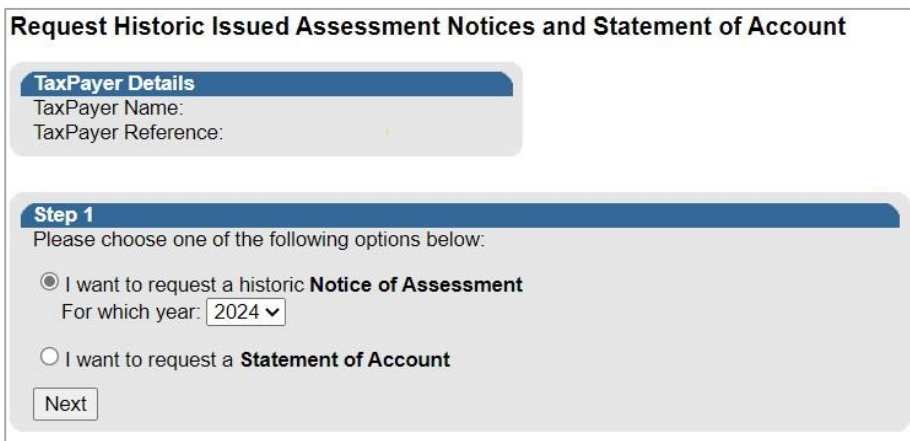
- a) When you require a Statement of Account or a Historic Assessment notice, proceed as follows:
- b) On the Income Tax Work Page, click on the “**Request Historic Documents**” tab.



RETURN TYPE	STATUS	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
details		2025/06/01		1	View	

Request Historic Documents Refresh Data Refund Status

- c) The ‘Request Historic Issued Assessment Notices and Statement of Account’ screen will be displayed.



Request Historic Issued Assessment Notices and Statement of Account

TaxPayer Details
 TaxPayer Name:
 TaxPayer Reference:

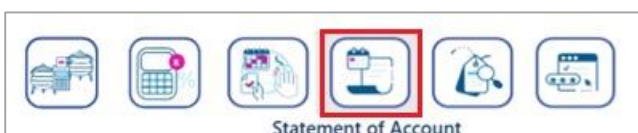
Step 1
 Please choose one of the following options below:

☒ I want to request a historic **Notice of Assessment**
 For which year: 2024 ▼

☐ I want to request a **Statement of Account**

Next

- d) Alternatively, you may access the “**Statement of Account**” navigation tab on the home screen, as indicated below or by selecting “**SARS Correspondence**” and “**Request Historic IT Notices**”, you will be able to access the function.



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SARS Correspondence

Search Correspondence

Request Historic IT Notices

Request a Notice of Assessment

- a) To access the Notice of Assessment, select “**I want to request a historic Notice of Assessment**”
 - i) Select the year, from 1999 – 2024.
 - ii) Select “**Next**”.

Step 1

Please choose one of the following options below:

☒ I want to request a historic **Notice of Assessment**
 For which year: 2021 ▼

☐ I want to request a **Statement of Account**

Next

- b) A list of the historic notice of assessments will be displayed. Select the notice you want to request and click “**Request**”. If there are additional or reduced assessments available, other than the original assessment, select the required assessment notice to be generated.

Request Historic Issued Assessment

Taxpayer Details

TaxPayer Name:

Taxpayer Reference:

Step 2

Select the notice you want to request from SARS, from the list below

Select	Year	Sequence Number	Type	Date
<input type="radio"/>	2023	1	ORIGINAL	20230613
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	2023	2	ADDITIONAL	20231115

Request Back

- c) The Income tax notice of assessment hyperlink will be displayed. Click the hyperlink to view the notice of assessment.

Request Historic Issued Assessment

Taxpayer Details

TaxPayer Name:

Taxpayer Reference:

Your request to SARS has been successfully submitted

[Click here to view your IT34](#)

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Request a Statement of Account

- a) Click the “**Request Historic Documents**” button on the Income Tax Work Page or the navigation tab on the home screen. Select “**I want to request a Statement of Account** and click “**Next**” to proceed.

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Request Historic Issued Assessment Notices and Statement of Account

TaxPayer Details

TaxPayer Name:

TaxPayer Reference:

Step 1

Please choose one of the following options below:

- ☐ I want to request a historic **Notice of Assessment**
- ☒ I want to request a **Statement of Account**

Next

- i) Select the period, for which you would like to receive your Statement of Account, either six months to date or user-defined date range, enter the dates as required, and click the **“Request”** button.

Request Statement of Account

Taxpayer Details

TaxPayer Name:

Taxpayer Reference:

Step 2

Select the period, for which you would like to receive your Statement of Account

- ☒ 6 months to date
- ☐ User defined date range

Request

Back

- b) A message will be displayed to indicate that the ITSA is being requested from SARS. Click on the link provided to view your statement of account.

Request Statement of Account

Taxpayer Details

TaxPayer Name:

Taxpayer Reference:

Your request to SARS has been successfully submitted

[Click here to view your Statement of Account](#)

Back

- c) The Statement of Account can also be viewed on the Income Tax Work page.

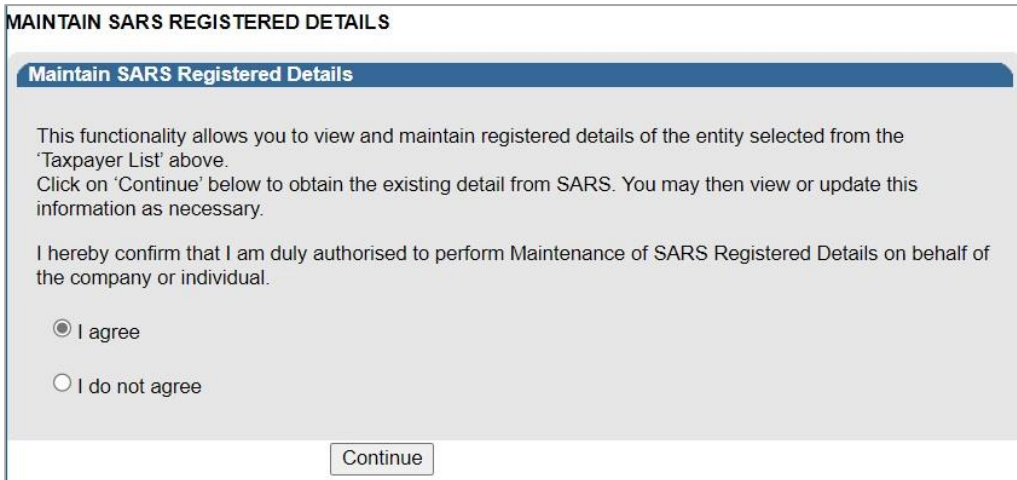
9.2 Maintain Legal Entity

- a) When interested in updating your legal entity details such as contact details, banking details etc. you may use this function. On the Income Tax Work page click on **“Maintain Legal Entity Details”**.

Maintain Legal Entity Details	DATE	LAST UPDATED BY	VERSION	CALCULATION RESULTS	MESSAGE
This functionality allows you to view and edit specific information related to the Legal Entity (i.e. the Taxpayer as selected above) record at SARS.	2025/06/01		1	View	
<div> Maintain Legal Entity Details Request Historic Documents Refresh Data Refund Status </div>					

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- b) The “**Maintain SARS Registered Details**” screen will be displayed.



- c) Read the message displayed on the screen, then check the box “**I agree**” and click “**Continue**” to proceed with changes to registration details.
- d) The Registration Amendments and Verification Form screen will be displayed. Refer to the external guide: “**How to complete the Registration Amendments and Verification Form (RAV01)**” which is available on the SARS website at www.sars.gov.za

9.3 View Correspondence

- a) If you want to view notices on eFiling, you can utilise the “SARS Correspondence” functionality that is located on the “Returns” menu.
- b) Click on “**SARS Correspondence**” and “**Search Correspondence**”.



- c) The “**Search Correspondence**” screen will be displayed with multiple search options to select.

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Search Correspondence

☒ ALL
 ☐ READ
 ☐ UNREAD

Tax Types

All

Letter Type

All

Tax Year

All

Notice Types

All

Received Date From *

2024/12/04

Message Type

All

Received Date To *

2025/06/02

Reference Number

Clear

Search

- d) Complete the relevant field(s):
- Tax Types – Select Income Tax
 - Tax Year – select the relevant tax year to search
 - Letter Type – indicate the specific letter type to search
 - Notice Type – indicate the specific notice type to search
 - Received Date From
 - Received Date To
 - Message Type
 - Reference Number
- e) Click the “Search” button to continue or the “**Clear**” button to clear all fields.

Clear

Search

- f) On completion of all search criteria and if there are correspondence available, it will be listed, as indicated in the below screen.

Name	Tax Reference Number	Tax Type	Year\Period	Date	Description	View	Document
V	00	Individual Income Tax (ITR12)	2025	2025/06/02 22:50:10	Final Demand to Submit Supporting Documents	View	Upload
V	00	Individual Income Tax (ITR12)	2025	2025/06/02 22:39:08	Requirement To Submit Supporting Documents	View	Upload
V	00i	Individual Income Tax (ITR12)	2025	2025/06/02 22:33:44	IT34 - REDUCED ASSESSMENT	View	
V	00i	Individual Income Tax (ITR12)	2025	2025/06/02 10:38:55	IT34 - ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	View	

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- g) Click on “**View**” to view the notification in pdf.
- h) If there are supporting documents required, the “**Upload**” button will be available to direct you to the Supporting Documents page to upload required documentation.

10 MAKE A PAYMENT TO SARS

- a) If you have an outstanding balance on your Income Tax Account, or want to initiate a payment to SARS via eFiling, proceed as described below:

10.1 Access Payments function

- a) To access the payment functionality on eFiling, click the “**Returns**” menu tab on the eFiling top ribbon, and “**Payments**” on the left side menu options. The screen below will be displayed.

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- b) If you select the “**Payment Guide**” tab, you will be routed to the Payments webpage on the SARS website.

10.2 Bank Details Setup

- a) This function allows you to set up your bank details before you will be able to initiate a payment to SARS.
- b) Click “**Payments**” and “**Bank Details Setup**” to save your bank details on eFiling.

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Payment Guide
Pay Now
Payment Arrangement History
Payment History
Bank Details Setup
Awaiting Authorisation

- c) The “**Banking Information**” screen will be displayed.

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Banking Information

Payments can be made from a banking account of your choice, by:

☒ **Credit Push** - Payment transactions that are initiated on the eFiling site and presented to the Banking product as bill presentation - payment request. Only once the user has logged into the banking product and authorised the payment request is this transaction regarded as an effective payment. Credit Push transactions are assumed to be irrevocable.

☐ **Authorised Debit Pull** - This option is used for verification purposes only. You will not be able to initiate a payment from eFiling using this method.

Account Name

Banking Product

This is a description of your bank account

Please select ▼

- d) If you select the “**Banking Product**” field, a list of banks will be displayed. Select the relevant bank.

Account Name

Banking Product

This is a description of your bank account

Please select ▼

Please select

ABSA CashFocus / Business Integrator Online

ABSA Corporate Banking

ABSA Direct - Internet Banking

Albaraka

Barclays.Net

Bidvest

Capitec - Internet Banking

Capitec Business Bank

CitiBank

FNB - CAMS, Online Banking, Internet Banking

HBZ

HSBC

Investec Online Banking

Nedbank

SASFIN

Standard Bank (MyBills)

Standard Bank Business Online

Standard Bank Business Online (nBOL)

Standard Chartered

- e) After selecting the banking product (relevant bank), the specific fields for the selected bank will be displayed for completion. Complete the field(s) and select “**Save**” to proceed or “**Back**” to make changes to the bank information captured.

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Banking Information

Payments can be made from a banking account of your choice, by:

☒ **Credit Push** - Payment transactions that are initiated on the eFiling site and presented to the Banking product as bill presentation - payment request. Only once the user has logged into the banking product and authorised the payment request is this transaction regarded as an effective payment. Credit Push transactions are assumed to be irrevocable.

☐ **Authorised Debit Pull** - This option is used for verification purposes only. You will not be able to initiate a payment from eFiling using this method.

Account Name This is a description of your bank account

Banking Product ▼

Account Number

Save
Back

- f) After you have saved the bank details, the details will be saved on eFiling as indicated below.

Banking Details		
Setup New Account		
Description	Bank	Open
Test	Internet Banking	Open
1		

- g) If you click the “**Open**” hyperlink, the banking Information page will be displayed.

Banking Information

Payments can be made from a banking account of your choice, by:

☒ **Credit Push** - Payment transactions that are initiated on the eFiling site and presented to the Banking product as bill presentation - payment request. Only once the user has logged into the banking product and authorised the payment request is this transaction regarded as an effective payment. Credit Push transactions are assumed to be irrevocable.

☐ **Authorised Debit Pull** - This option is used for verification purposes only. You will not be able to initiate a payment from eFiling using this method.

Account Name This is a description of your bank account

Banking Product Internet Banking ▼

Account Number

Save
Back
Delete

- h) To remove the bank details, click the “**Delete**” button. Click “**OK**” to confirm the deletion of the bank details or “**Cancel**” to close the message.

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Are you sure you wish to Delete this item?

- i) After you have confirmed the deletion of the bank details, no bank details will be displayed on the banking details page on eFiling.

Banking Details

Description

No Records available for your selection.

10.3 Payment from the Income Tax Assessment Notice

- a) If your assessment result indicate that you owe SARS, you can make a payment from the Income Tax Assessment page by clicking the **"Make Payment"** button as indicated in the following screen.

Assessment Notice
Date: 2022/06/01

Amount: R 563.86

- b) The Payment screen will be displayed. Click **"Pay Now"** to proceed and click **"OK"** on the confirmation message.

Payment Summary

Tax Reference:	Statement of Account issued on: 2024/05/31 (Period: to).	R 84772.00
Tax Reference:	Notice of Assessment issued on: 2024/05/31	R 84772.00

Make Payment

Amount R


Proceed to make this payment now?

- c) The **"Payment Details"** screen will be displayed to proceed with the initiation of the payment. Proceed to the **"Payment Initiation"** section of this guide to complete the payment steps on eFiling.

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Payment Details

Tip: You can submit payments any time with an effective date of the payment due date. The payment will only be processed on the effective date.
Note: ABSA Direct payments can only be made and authorised on the same day. Please be aware that if you don't authorise your payment today, it will be removed from the ABSA Direct system by tomorrow.

Account Name:	Select bank account ▼
Payment Request Date:	2022/06/02  2 Jun 2022 Please use the format: yyyy/mm/dd
Payment Amount:	R 563.86
Comments:	<div></div>

Please make sure that you complete the payment process and receive a payment reference number as proof of payment initiation.

Pay Now

Cancel

- d) If you are ready to make a payment, select **“Pay Now”** and the following sub-menu tabs will be displayed:
- General Unpaid
 - Create Additional Payment

Pay Now

General Unpaid

Create Additional Payment

10.4 General Unpaid

- a) Under the **“General Unpaid”** tab, a list of unpaid payments will be displayed according to the type of tax.

Payments

Payment Guide

Pay Now

General Unpaid

Create Additional Payment

- b) If there are no unpaid payments, the following screen will be displayed.

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Taxpayer:
Payments: Outstanding

- Note:** To access all unpaid Excise levies, select the 'CUS and Excise Unpaid' submenu from within the 'Payments' menu on the left.
- All payments "**Saved**" by the client will display under General Unpaid.
- Payments "**Rejected**" by the bank will display under General Unpaid, which the client can reselect and make payment again.
- .

☐ Select All Payments

No Outstanding Payments Found

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- c) An example of an **"unpaid"** payment will be listed as indicated below. Select the payment transaction and click **"Make electronic payment"**.

Taxpayer: K
Payments: Outstanding

- Note:** To access all unpaid Excise levies, select the 'CUS and Excise Unpaid' submenu from within the 'Payments' menu on the left.
- All payments "**Saved**" by the client will display under General Unpaid.
- Payments "**Rejected**" by the bank will display under General Unpaid, which the client can reselect and make payment again.
- .

Income Tax Payments							
Pay	Name	Reference Num	Payment Reference Num	Payment Type	Status	Amount Due	Payment Advice
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	K	00	00 T00000000	Income Tax Normal Payment	UNPAID	R 8223.75	Print
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	K	00	00 T00000000	Income Tax Normal Payment	UNPAID	R 563.86	Print

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☐ Select All Payments

Total amount of Payments:	R	8787.61
Total amount of Payments selected:	R	8787.61
Total amount of Payments not selected:	R	0.00
Total number of Payments selected:		2
Total number of Payments:		2

[Make electronic payment](#)

[Manual Payments - Capture details of payments made outside of this system](#)


- d) Once you have selected the **"Make electronic payment"** button, the **"Payment Details"** screen will be displayed.

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Payment Details

Tip: You can submit payments any time with an effective date of the payment due date. The payment will only be processed on the effective date.
Note: ABSA Direct payments can only be made and authorised on the same day. Please be aware that if you don't authorise your payment today, it will be removed from the ABSA Direct system by tomorrow.

Account Name:

Payment Request Date: 2022/06/02  2 Jun 2022
Please use the format: yyyy/mm/dd

Payment Amount: R 8787.61

Comments:

Please make sure that you complete the payment process and receive a payment reference number as proof of payment initiation.

Payment Summary

Name	Tax Reference Number	Due Date	Tax Amount	Penalty Amount	Interest Amount	Amount Due
	00		8223.75	0.00	0.00	R 8223.75
	00		563.86	0.00	0.00	R 563.86
					Total	R 8787.61

- e) Select the “Account Name” and click the “Pay Now” button to proceed with the payment.

Payment Details

Tip: You can submit payments any time with an effective date of the payment due date. The payment will only be processed on the effective date.
Note: ABSA Direct payments can only be made and authorised on the same day. Please be aware that if you don't authorise your payment today, it will be removed from the ABSA Direct system by tomorrow.

Account Name:

Payment Request Date: 2 Jun 2022
Please use the format: yyyy/mm/dd

Payment Amount: R 8787.61

Comments:

Please make sure that you complete the payment process and receive a payment reference number as proof of payment initiation.

- f) A message will be displayed to remind you to authorize the payment via your online banking profile. Click “OK” to proceed with the payment.

Note: To effect the payment, the payer who is the owner of the bank account must authorise the payment. The transaction will only take place when, in accordance with the bank rules, the payer has logged on to their banking product to authorise the payment. Please consult your bank regarding the cut-off times to effect eFiling payments to SARS timeously

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- g) A payment initiation confirmation will be displayed. Click **“Confirm”** to proceed or **“Cancel”** to be routed back to the Payment Details screen.

Confirm Payment Initiation

Summary of payment transaction details

Payment for:	2 items
Amount:	R 8787.61
Payment Request Date:	2022/06/02
Account Name:	T E Tester
Bank Name:	Internet Banking

Please note that by clicking on the “Confirm” button below, a payment instruction will be created and sent to your bank, which requires authorisation in order for the payment to be finalised.

Kindly logon to your banking product to authorise this payment in order to release the required funds to SARS.

Confirm

Cancel

Please be aware that once a payment is submitted this instruction cannot be reversed

- h) A confirmation message will be displayed to indicate that the payment instruction has been submitted. Click **“OK”** to proceed.

You will pay SARS: R8787.61

From account: T E Tester

On: 2022/06/02

Please be aware that once a payment is submitted this instruction cannot be reversed.

OK

Cancel

10.5 Cancellation of Payments

- a) If you wish to cancel a payment that has not been authorised on your internet banking, follow the below steps.
- b) Select the **“Awaiting Authorisation”** item under the Payments tab to view all payments that require authorisation on your internet banking to finalise the payment to SARS.

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Payment History
Bank Details Setup
Awaiting Authorisation

- c) The 'Awaiting Authorisation' page will allow the user to search or filter for the payments according to the following fields:
- Taxpayer Name;
 - If you enter a specific Taxpayer Name in the "Taxpayer Name" field, the Awaiting Authorisation page will display all payments related to the captured Taxpayer name when "Select All" has been selected from the Taxpayer drop down list;
 - If a specific Taxpayer has been selected from the Taxpayer drop down list, the "Taxpayer Name" field will be disabled and the selected taxpayer name at the top will be populated into this field.
 - Tax Product;
 - If the user selects a specific product from the Tax Product drop down list, the payment history page will display all payments for all the taxpayers related to the selected Tax Product.
 - Tax Reference Number;
 - Payment Reference Number;
 - Payment Status;
 - Date From
 - Date To

Awaiting Authorisation

For more accurate results, please supply a Tax number or a Payment reference number.

Taxpayer Name

Tax Product

All Products

Tax Reference Number

Payment Reference Number

Payment Status

Awaiting Authorisation

Date From *

2024/06/02

Date To *

2024/06/09

Clear

Search

- d) If no payments have been made, the results section on the screen will be blank. A warning message will be displayed to indicate that no records exist for the search criteria. Click 'OK' on the message to proceed.

Taxpayer Name	Tax Reference Number	Payment Reference Number	Tax Product	Created On Date	Tax Period	Amount	Payment Status	Payment Details
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- e) If you have made payments, the results section will display the payment(s).

Taxpayer Name	Tax Reference Number	Payment Reference Number	Tax Product	Created On Date	Tax Period	Amount	Payment Status	Payment Details
M	0	00	Income Tax Advanced Payment	2021	N/A	2.55	Awaiting Authorisation	View

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- f) Select the 'View' button and the 'Payment Details' screen will be displayed.

Payment Details

From: E

Description: FNB Electronic Banking Payment to SARS

Status: FNB Electronic Banking Payment Awaiting Authorisation

Payment Information

Payment Method: FNB BANKit EFT

Entry Date: 19 Feb 2021 14:55:31

Payment Request Date: 19 Feb 2021

Actual Payment Date:

Your Reference Number: SARSEFLNG 002

SARS Bank Reference: 002

Bank Information

Bank Account: FNB

Bank: FNB - CAMS, Online Banking, Internet Banking

Branch Name:

Branch Code:

Account Number:

Description	Tax Amount	Penalty	Interest	Total Paid
IT ADV (0 : N/A)	2.55	0.00	0.00	2.55
Total	2.55	0.00	0.00	2.55

Comments:

[Cancel Payment](#) [Print Confirmation](#)

- g) To cancel the payment, click the 'Cancel Payment' button. A confirmation message will be displayed. Click 'OK' to confirm the cancellation of the payment.

Are you sure you want to cancel this payment?

[OK](#) [Cancel](#)

- h) Once the payment has been cancelled, a message will be displayed to indicate that the payment has been cancelled successfully.

Payment Cancellation Result

Cancel Payment

The Payment request has been cancelled successfully.

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- i) The cancelled payment will be moved to Payments History and the status will be indicated as 'Cancelled'.

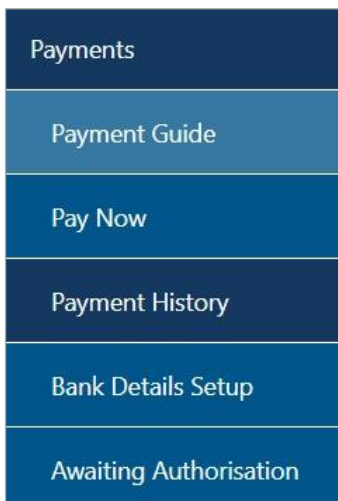
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Taxpayer Name	Tax Reference Number	Payment Reference Number	Tax Product	Created On Date	Actual Payment Date	Tax Period	Amount	Payment Status	Payment Details
T	0	00	Income Tax Advanced Payment	2021-03-11	2021-03-11	N/A	2.00	Cancelled	View

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10.6 Payment History

- a) The Payment History page will allow the user to search or filter for the payments according to following fields:
- i) Taxpayer Name;
 - A) If you enter a specific Taxpayer Name in the "Taxpayer Name" field, the Payment History page will display all payments related to the captured Taxpayer name when "Select All" has been selected from the Taxpayer Drop Down List;
 - B) If a specific Taxpayer has been selected from the Taxpayer drop down list, the Taxpayer Name field will be disabled and the selected taxpayer name at the top will be populated into this field.
 - ii) Tax Reference Number;
 - iii) Payment Reference Number;
 - iv) Tax Product;
 - A) If the user selects a specific product from the Tax Product drop down list, the payment history page will display all payments for all the taxpayers related to the selected Tax Product;
 - v) Payment Status;
 - vi) Payment Created Date From
 - vii) Payment Created Date To
 - viii) Payment Date - is the date that the payment was approved on your bank product as per your bank account.
- b) Select the "**Payment History**" item under the Payments tab to view all payments made to SARS via eFiling.



- c) The "**Payment History**" search screen will be displayed. Complete all relevant fields to search for payments made to SARS.

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Payment History

Taxpayer Name: L

Tax Reference Number:

eFiling PRN:

Date From: 2020/11/02

Date To: 2020/11/09

Payment Date:

Tax Product: All Products

Year: All

Payment Status: All

Clear Search

Taxpayer Name	Tax Reference Number	eFiling PRN	Tax Product	Created On Date	Payment Date	Tax Period	Amount	Payment Status	Payment Details
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- d) On the payment history screen, the “Date From” field will be defaulted to 3 days prior to the selected Payment Date and the “Date To” field will be defaulted to 3 days post the selected Payment Date (this will be inclusive of weekends).
- e) **Note:** The Selection of payment “Date From” and “Date To” range must be limited to 6 months to avoid a delay in obtaining the results.
- f) If no payments have been made, the results section on the screen will be blank.

Taxpayer Name	Tax Reference Number	eFiling PRN	Tax Product	Created On Date	Payment Date	Tax Period	Amount	Payment Status	Payment Details
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- g) If you have made payments, the results section will display the payment(s). Below are examples of the different payment statuses displayed on the payment history screen.
- i) **Manually Paid** – this payment was made outside of eFiling and recorded on eFiling.

Taxpayer Name	Tax Reference Number	eFiling PRN	Tax Product	Created On Date	Payment Date	Tax Period	Amount	Payment Status	Payment Details
PAPER	4	4	VC2020082 VAT201 Payment	2020-11-10	N/A	202008	30.43	Manually Paid	View
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- ii) **Awaiting Authorisation** – this payment must be finalised on your internet banking profile and is awaiting authorisation.

Taxpayer Name	Tax Reference Number	eFiling PRN	Tax Product	Created On Date	Payment Date	Tax Period	Amount	Payment Status	Payment Details
Super	4	4	VC2019124 VAT201 Payment	2020-11-09	N/A	201912	1000.00	Awaiting Authorisation	View

- iii) **In-progress** – the payment is pending;
- iv) **Rejected** – the payment was rejected;
- v) **Failed** – the payment failed;
- vi) **Approved** – the payment was successful;
- vii) **Reversed** - the payment was reversed; and
- viii) **Cancelled** – the payment was cancelled.

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Taxpayer Name	Tax Reference Number	eFiling PRN	Tax Product	Created On Date	Payment Date	Tax Period	Amount	Payment Status	Payment Details
E	000		Income Tax Advanced Payment	2020-11-04	2020-11-04	N/A	41.00	Rejected	View
E	000		Income Tax Advanced Payment	2020-11-04	N/A	N/A	40.08	In Process	View
E	000		Income Tax Advanced Payment	2020-11-04	2020-11-04	N/A	40.07	Approved	View
E	000		Income Tax Advanced Payment	2020-11-04	2020-11-08	N/A	40.05	Failed	View
E	000		Income Tax Advanced Payment	2020-11-04	2020-11-04	N/A	-41.00	Reversed	View

- h) For further assistance with SARS Payments, refer to the “**SARS Payment Rules**” available on the SARS website www.sars.gov.za

11 DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Link for centralised definitions, acronyms, and abbreviations: [Glossary A-M | South African Revenue Service \(sars.gov.za\)](http://www.sars.gov.za/glossary)

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- Make a booking to visit the nearest SARS branch;
- Contact your own tax advisor / tax practitioner;
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- If calling from outside South Africa, contact the SARS Contact Centre on +27 11 602 2093 (only between 8am and 4pm South African time).