

2008

Extended Office hours for Financial Year-End

PRETORIA, 27 MARCH 2008 - The 2007/08 financial year for the South African Revenue Service (SARS) ends on Monday 31 March 2008.

It is important that taxpayers – particularly corporate taxpayers – follow the correct procedures in making payments to SARS to avoid possible penalties and interests for late payments.

SARS is making special operational arrangements to cater for the intervening weekend leading up to 31 March 2008.

To accommodate taxpayers SARS offices across the country will be open on Saturday 28 March 2008 from 7.30am to 14.00pm. All branch offices will extend their hours of operation until 18.00pm today, on Friday and on Monday 31 March 2008.

SARS must again appeal to businesses and large corporations to ensure correct payments are made in time. If possible, it is advisable for corporate taxpayers to make such payments to SARS by the close of business on Friday 28 March 2008 or by midday on Monday 31 March 2008.

MAKING PAYMENTS

Taxpayers can utilise the following services for any payments due to SARS:

1. Electronic banking– use your tax number as a reference.
2. Manual banking at any of the following major banks;

- ABSA,
- First National Bank (FNB),
- Nedbank, or
- Standard Bank

Another convenient option to make payments or submit returns will be the electronic submission facility, eFiling (www.sarsefiling.co.za). More than 200 000 businesses are already registered as eFiling users and use the facility for regular monthly payments and submissions.

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