



South African Revenue Service

Dear Stakeholder

REMINDER: SUBMISSION OF TEST DATA DUE BY 31 MARCH 2013

All third party data suppliers participating in the testing of the direct data flow channel, Connect: Direct™, are reminded that their test data is due by 31 March 2013. Your participation and subsequent submission of test data is an essential part of the process of validating the submitted files and as such testing this new data platform.

By participating in the testing of the direct data flow channel you will be able to familiarise yourself with this new channel while at the same time having an opportunity to prepare your systems for electronic submissions through Connect:Direct™. To participate in the trade testing process you may download the specifications for submitting your third party data at www.sars.gov.za > Tax Types > Income Tax > IT3 Data Submissions

You are once again reminded that as from 1 April 2013 the South African Revenue Service (SARS) will no longer accept third party data being submitted on CD/DVD. You are encouraged to make use of the new and existing electronic channels developed specifically for the purpose of third party data submissions:

- Connect:Direct™ : suitable for bulk submissions (more than 50 000 lines of third party data)
- HTTPS: currently in development and suitable for submissions up to 50 000 lines

These channels are considered to be more secure than CD/DVD submissions. Electronic submissions also ensure faster feedback to the taxpayer as it shortens the data processing times and reduce the overall administrative burden of large volume data transfer.

Further information

For more detailed information about IT3 Data Submissions, please visit our webpage on the SARS website which can be accessed by clicking here [IT3 Data Submissions](#) or by following the path www.sars.gov.za > Tax Types > Income Tax > IT3 Data Submissions.

Sincerely

ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE

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