



South African Revenue Service

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Dear Trader

AUTOMATION OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE BONDS

SARS is enhancing its digital platforms to help traders and taxpayers meet their tax and customs obligations with ease.

As part of this modernisation, SARS is automating the management of customs and excise bonds. This includes the introduction of the Guarantee Management Service (GMS) system, which will serve as a comprehensive platform for managing these bonds through eFiling to provide traders and taxpayers with bond-information records.

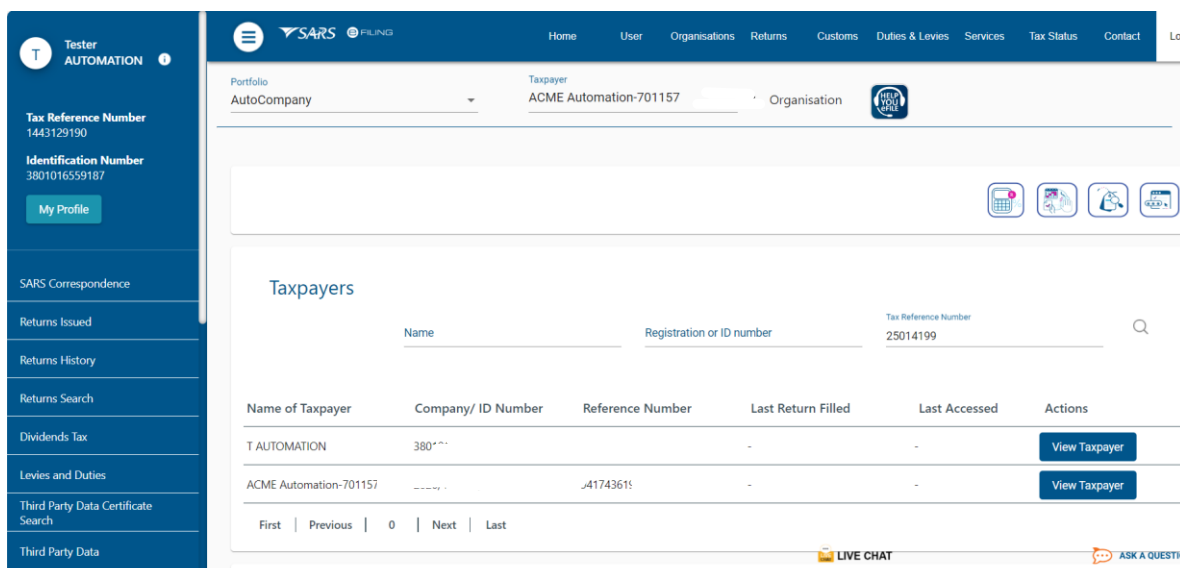
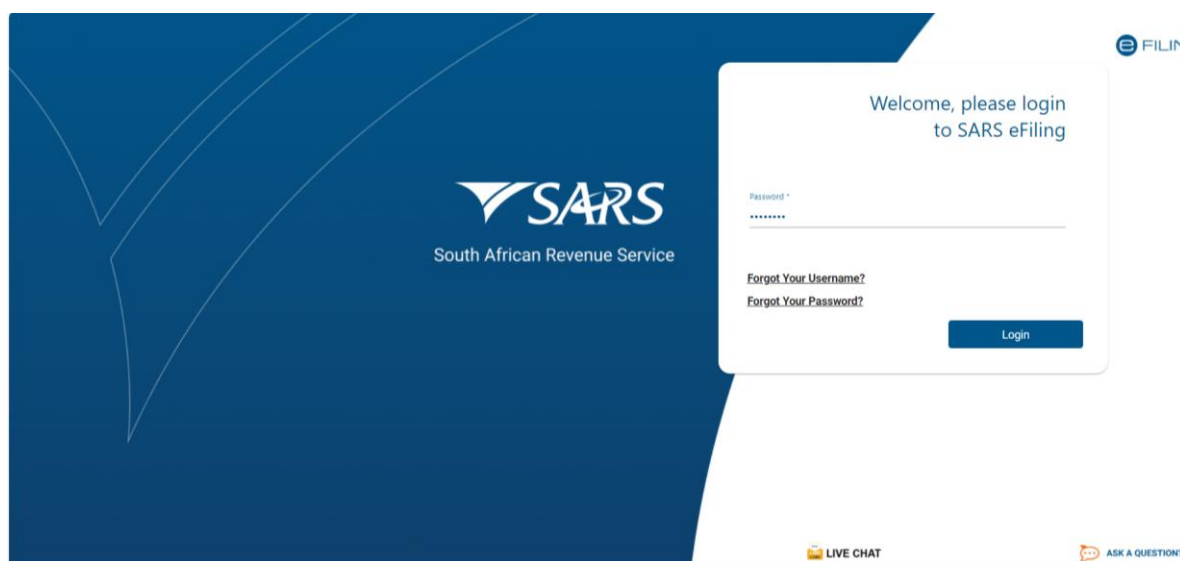
From 26 July 2024, the GMS system will:

- Process cases automatically by:
 - Notifying traders and taxpayers of SARS requests, surety receipt and cancellation.
 - Providing taxpayers and traders, upon request, with a list of guarantees/bonds held by SARS. (These will be displayed when a trader selects the “Manage Bonds and Guarantees” menu under the eAccount menu on eFiling.)

For this phase of the implementation, only clients with access to an eAccount on eFiling can view their list of bonds held with SARS.

To access the “Manage Bonds and Guarantees” menu on eFiling:

1. Visit the eFiling login screen.



2. Capture the Tax Reference Number, which is the client number allocated for the Customs or Excise profile.

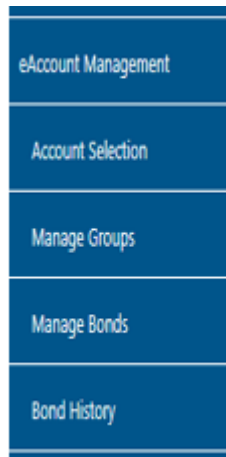
3. Click on the search tab.



4. Click the Customs tab in the blue ribbon on the top of the screen.



5. Click on “eAccount Management” to access the new features of “Manage Bonds and Bond History”.



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